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## From

## T. R. FERNANDEZ, Esquibe,

Deputy Superintendent, Gujarát Revenue Survey;
To

## The COLLECTOR of KAIRA.

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\text { Surat, sth July } 1893 .
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Sir,
I have the honour to submit for the approval of Government propusals for the revision settlement of the taluka of Mehmadabad of your Collectorate.
2. This talluka did not exist at the original settlement of the Collectorate, for it was created in the year 1867, when a general re-distribution of the villages took place. It is composed of contributions from three old tálukas, as follows :-

7 villages from the late Jetalpur Taluka of Ahmedabad, which was survey settled in 1858-59.
33 villages from the Mátar Táluka settled in 1862-63, and
17 villages from the late Mahadha Táluka of Kaira, also settled in 1862-63.

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In the original survey the sub-holdings in survey numbers were measured by untrained men, according to the native principle of surveying, hence the large differences observable.
6. The following statement furnishes a comparison of areas of the old and new surveys:-

|  |  | Total. | Unarable Waste. | Remaining Arable. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Acres. | Acres, | Acres. |
| By Original Survey By Revision Survey | ... | 105,734 | 13,900 | 91,884 |
|  |  | 105,685 | 13,261 | 92,424 |
|  | Increase | . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | .... | 590 |
| - | Decrease | 49 | 639 |  |

7. The same data are exhibited below in a different form:-
 pone the revision survey of the taluka for a season. It was Jain, now Bombaj
the Koli population. The remaining nine years were good yitch of of them, September was all lut a dry month. The October rilly in assimilaent years were, however, good, and they must have greatly help, viewred from ang such as tur, mug, math, \&c., which are gathered from December a
8. More rice is grown on the western side of the rail than on principles and the finest is produced in the villages in the north-west. This ${ }^{24-}$ to sles abundant irrigation obtainable from the Khári. There are no channt water like those lower down in the Mátar villages, but the people are used for irrigation. In the higber lands, bajri and kodra form the pra crops; and with them are sown, respectively, mug, math, chola, red and gávodr, and til, tur and hemp. Generally speaking the rotation is cont. to bajri and kodra alternately. Cotton, both of the annual and perennial kinc is raised, though on a small scale:
9. The extent to which the various kinds of crops are grown is shown in Appendix B. In the subjoined statement I give, in a summary form, the proportion the area covered by each crop bears to the entire occupied lands of the taluka:


dacts of the táluka are，as will have been seen，bájri and Fins，such as Kodra，Bavto and Banti combined，bear a large whole of the cropped area．The Javar grown is almost entirely fariety，which is chiefly raised for fodder，and，as such，it is so －that it is quite as paying as a grain crop．Wheat is mainly grown女t prop in rice lands．Green fodder means the sundhia javar grown fer months by means of irrigation，chiefly from wells．Cotton and fecupy but an insignificant position among the crops of the taluka， here is no reason why the latter should not，when there／is an increased 4 for it，become far mpore extensively cultivated than it is．
てこな16．Before the year 1862－63；the year of the introduction of the survey雲 A ，there were no made roads in the tract now known as the Mehmadabad雲gluka．In fact，until the railway was opened in 1863，there were scarcely any made roads in the Kaira District ；and Mehmadabad was not on the main traffic－line，for both the land route and the sea route vid Cambay，from Surat to Ahmedabad and north，converged at，and passed through，Kaira．This was no doubt to avoid crossing the three difficult rivers that intervene between Nadiad and the northern boundary of Mehmadabad．Even at this day there are but＇two made roads in the táluka；one connectiog Kaira and Mehmadabad， the other crossing through Láli and Mahij and joining Bárejdi Station，The Nadiad－Mahudha first class road decidedly helps the traffic of the south－eastern villages．The rest of the taluka，which is not served，is a physically difficult country for road making；and the traffic of the northern villages is so well established with Ahmedabad，that a road through them to Mehmadabad would be of doubtful utility，especially as the traders of the latter town do business $\mathrm{on}_{\mathrm{j}}$ a small scale．

17．The market towns in the taluka are Kaira and Mehmadabad；while outside the border are Ahmedabad，Mahudha and Nadiad．Rice is sold at door， the same as in Mátar．The cotton produced in the northern half is take． to Ahmedabad，and that in the southern half to Nadiad．The quantity of go traffic passing through Mehmadabad station for the last three years has b follows：－1890， 1,421 tons； $1891,1,830$ tons，and 1892，2，636 tons．The tion for Bárejdi for the same three years is， $878,1,116$ and 1,833 shows a steady development of the rail－borne trade of the thluka．

18．There are no fairs held in the táluka．

The reason of the large reduction in the garden area is the abandonm of the well system of taxation, the land now subject to it being transferred the heading of dry crop. The area of jiráyet land converted into rice dur: the lease is 5,260 acres 26 gunthás.
8. The táluka of Mehmadabad lies between $72^{\circ} 38^{\prime}$ and $72^{\circ} 59^{\prime}$ east lon tude, and $22^{\circ} 44^{\prime}$ and $22^{\circ} 57^{\prime}$ north latitude. It is bounded on the north táluka Daskroi of Ahmedabad, the Gaikwar's territory and the Mahi Kánt Political Agency; on the south by talukas Nadiád and Mátar of Kaira; on 1 east by tálukas Nadiád and Kapadranj; and on the west by tálukas Dask and Mátar. Its total extent, including the area of alienation, is 109,234 acr or 170.7 square miles. The population by the Census of 1891 being 93,6 persons (including the inhabitants of Inám villages), the density per square $r$ r is $548^{\circ} 8$, which compares well with the same datum of Mátar and Daskroi, w is 369 of the former and $421 \cdot 3$ of the latter.
9. From a glance at the map, it will be seen that the taluka is well ed. The Mesvo and the Vátrak run through it, and unite four miles north town of Kaira, the continuation bearing the name of the larger of the ty Vátrak. This river is at times subject to violent floods. In 1875, the bridge across it was carried away, and last year it invaded the town ar of Kaira, converting the latter into a series of islets, so that locomo possible by boats only. The Shedhi, which skirts the táluka on the so into the Vatrak just below the town of Kaira. The Vátrak and the ST used for irrigation, but the banks of the Mesvo are too steep and rugge river to be useful in the same way. The Khari passes through the Lali and Bidaj on the north-west corner; and, though the smallest of in the táluka, its utility surpasses that of all the others combined.
10. The táluka is a fairly level tract of country throughout it most fertile part being on the west of the railway. It is gener extremely well wooded, the principal trees being mango, mahuda, rácf

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19. In the subjoined table I give statistics of population, cattle, \&c., for the years 1872 and 1892. The details for the survey settlement year are, I am sorry, not available:

|  | 1872. | 1892. | Increase. | Decrease. | Percentage. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population | 85,754 | 93,674 | 7,920 | ... | +98 |
| Wells | 1,445 | 1,930 | 485 | . | +331 |
| Agricultural cattle ... .. | 14972 | 14,898 | $\ldots$ | 74 | - $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Cows, buffuloes and their joung | 26,507 | 33,721 | 7,214 | ... | $+27$ |
| Horses and Ponies ... .. | 315 | 290 | ... | 25 | -8 |
| Sbeep and Goats ... | 7,976 | 6,119 |  | 1,857 | -234 |
| Ploughs... ... | 6,460 | 7,514 | 1,034 | ... | $+16 \frac{1}{4}$ |
| Carts ... | 2,839 | 3,202 | 363 | ... | +123 |

20. The population has increased to the extent of $9 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent. in twenty years. If the health statistics to be given later are trustworthy, and I do not think that they can be far wrong, then this increase is solely attributable to immigration. The increase, however, to whatever cause due, is satisfactory.
21. The increase in the number of wells is $33 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. This may be looked upon as very satisfactory, as being indicative of prosperity.
22. The number of agricultural cattle may be said to havf remained stationary. This seems strange considering that ploughs bavefincreased by 1,054 or $16 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent. It will be perceived from Appendix Stotement $F$ that the number of the plough animals bas been almost steadily decreasing since 1887-88, though even now it is all but double the number of the ploughs.
23. Carts have increased by 363 or $12 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent.
24. Horses and ponies have decreased to the extent of 8 per cent.
25. Cows and buffaloes have increased by 7,214 , or 27 per cent.
26. Sheep and goats have decreased by 1,857 or $23 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent. This is a satisfactory feature, for it means the increase of cultivution and a corresponding diminution in the area of pasturage.
27. Owing to the small outturn of cotton, steam-gins are conspicuous by their absence. The number of band-girs is 211 . In the weaving of cloth 292 looms are employed. Only "lchadi" is manufactured, and the value of the utturn for the year is put down at Rs. 850.

28 A reference to Appendix $G$ will show that during five years from 1887to $1891-92$, while the number of births was 16,372 , the number of deaths was 282 ; that is, from natural causes, the population during those years inereased
the annual rate of only $18!$ Judging from the appearance of the country, the fact that much the larger area consists of dry porous soil, this result, I
-, conclusively points to the existence of some removable insanitary cause, ishould be investigated and gradually got rid of.
19. Appendix H shows the condition of edueation in the táluka. 28 out 60 villages have schools. There are 24 Local Board, 5 Municipal, and 5 schools for boys, attended by 1,710 bops; and 1 Local Board and 2 pal schools for girls, attended by 101 girls.

From Appendix I it will be seen that out of a total of 36,554 numbers thaka, 23,203 numbers or C. 3 per cent. are Goverument; the-rest being 52 per cent. of the whole taluka is cultivated by Government occupants ss; 7 per cent. is waste and the remainder, 4 per cent, by Government in partuership with others, or by sub-tenàats, for either money or

Text come five Appendices furnished by the Registration Department, fe saleable, mortgage and sub-letting values of the lands of the táluka;
are $n$ Appendix $K$ a summary of 99 cases of ordinary sales is given. It numbhat 199 acres were sold, producing Ris. 17,953. 'This gives a sale 3of Rs. 90-3-5, and as the average rate of assessment is Rs. 3-3-10, Civil ed 27.83 times their rental.
33. Appendix K (1) gives information regarding six sales by order of Civil Courts. The sale money was $5 \cdot 78$ times the Government rental. The results produced by the two methods of sale cannot be compared in the absence of such essential details as the names of the villages and the soil values of the lands sold. But this much may be confidently affirmed, that private sales may be almost in. variably expected to produce larger results, because they are more or less in the nature of private agreements between debtors and creditors commonly made ir favour of the former.
34. Appendix $L$ shows the result of 62 eases of simple mortgage. The amount of the mortgage money was 21.26 times the Government rental of the lands affected.
35. In Appendix L (1) morigage with possession is shown collectively of 100 cases. The mortgage money was 27.55 times the Government rental of the lands mortgaged.
36. Appendix $M$ furnishes information regarding the subletting value in 100 cases. The average shows the subletting value was 2.83 times the Government rental of the lands leased.
37. In Appendix N the prices of the staple articles are given; first for five years, of the ante-survey settlement period, aud next for the 30 years of the lease. The latter/period, for a more correct appreciation of facts, is divided into three deenden. The first decade was remarkable for its very high prices caused by the American war. In the second, prices would have settled down to normal, but for the exceedingly short rains of 1877 (about 16 inches). The last decade is also not wanting in its disturbing cause, which was the scanty rainfall of 1888. Altogether the average of the prices of the last decade seems to me might be accepted as the normal level below which they are not likely to fall. Comparing this set of averages with that for the five years preceding the. introduction of the settlement, the rise in the prices of the staple products is as follows:-

38. From information received from the Mámlatdár, no improvement seems to have taken place in the wages of agricultural labourers. At the introduction of the current settlement, an adult male was paid 2 annas in money in addition to one meal, or in its place $1 \frac{1}{2}$ sers of grain, and an adult woman $1 \frac{1}{2}$ annas be side the allowance of one meal, or grain instead. One of the main reasons of this stagnation seems to be the almost total supersession of hand-ginning fof cotton in the district by steam-gins. In the statement of Prices and Wag received from the Agricultural Department the wages of field labourers a) however, shown to have risen from 3 annas per diem in 1888-89 to 3 annas it pies in 1891-92. The price of ordinary/ labour during the same interval ner varied from 3 annas 4 pies to 4 annas.
39. In Appendix 0 the revenue history of the 50 late Mátar and M dba Government villages, which have been incorporated in the táluka, is It is divided into two periods; the first containing the five years that diately preceded the introduction of the survey rates, and the second years of the lease, which expired last year. The following extract fry Appendix will show the progress that has been, made :-

| Period. | Occupied Areas. | Full | Permanent remis- sions. | Casual remissions. | $\underset{\substack{\text { Temal } \\ \text { semiss. } \\ \text { sions. }}}{\text { a }}$ - |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Acres. | Rs. | Rs, | Rs. | Rs. |
| 1857-58 to 1861-62... | 31,801 | 1,13,040 | 16 | 283 | 0 |
| 1862-63 to 1871-72... | 43,652 | 1,51,125 | 88 | 283 | 7 |
| 1872-73 to 1881-82 ... | 42,035 | 1,46,231 | 88 | ... | , |
| 1882-83 to 1891-92 ... | 43,372. | 1,50,231 | $\cdots$ | 27 | - | area and Rs. 38,000 in revenue. This was no doubt owing to the acres in eg given by the fabulous prices that were due to the American war. In impuls jext decade there is a fall of 1,617 acres in area and Rs. 4,894 in revenue; the ry $y$ likely attritutable to a contraction of the holdings attendart on a fall in ver fices. In the last decade, however, the condition of the táluka all but rep fovered the level of what might be called the golden decade. In 1891-92, the - total area of Government unoccupied assessed land was 2,299 acres carrying an assessment of Rs. 5,984. Much of it is auctioned for grass, and the average revenue from this source for the year 1891-92 was Rs. 1,066, so that out of a total survey assessment of Rs. 1,56,300, only Rs. 4,918 remained unrealizable.

41. In Statement $O^{(1)}$, the revenue history of the late Jetalpur villages is given. The survey settlement having been introduced into that taluka in 1858.59, the lease has run thirty-four years. The following abstract will show clearly how the present rates have answered:-

| Perlod. | Occupied Area. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Fuil } \\ \text { Assessment. } \end{gathered}$ | Remissions. |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Balance } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { collection. } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Permanent. | Casual. | Tȯtal. |  |
|  | Acres. | Re. | Re. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
| 1853-54 to 1857-58... | 5,692 | 26,815 | ... | ** | $\ldots$ | 26,815 |
| 1858-59 to 1861-62 ... | 7,453 | 24,703 | 282 | ... | 282 | 24,421 |
| 1862-63 to 1871-72 ... | 9,083 | 30,805 | 127 | $\cdots$ | 127 | 30,678 |
| 1872-73 to 1881-82 ... | 8,025 | 27,089 | 25 | ... | 25 | 27,064 |
| 1882-83 to 1891-92 ... | 9,213 | 30,124 | 22 | $\cdots$ | 22 | 30,102 |

42. The main features presented by the above array of figures are identically the same as those which distinguish the history of the Mátar and Mahudba villages, explained in paragraph 39 above. In $1891-92$, the unoccupied area was 1,703 acres, bearing an assessment of Rs. 4,705. But as the same area brought Rs 889 from the sale of its grass, the amount that was left unrealized was Rs. 3,816.
?. The table given below shows the extent of the difficulty that was ned in the collection of the revenue during the last four years:-

|  | Year. | Namber of <br> villages. | Number of <br> notices. | Number of <br> distraint cases. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1889-90$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 52 |  |  |
| $1890-91$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 52 | 2,057 | 43 |
| $1891-92$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 51 | 1,970 | 15 |
| $1892-93$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 49 | 1,254 | $\ldots \ldots$ |

first year for which data are shown is the one immediately following which was a year in which only about half the average rain fell. Eack fce then shows improvement. But still the number of notices issued t is far too large, and is an indication of the unthrifty character of the thalomedan cultivators.
Tt is to be regretted that information as to the number of cultivators, their caste, is not available, but I have good reason for stating that on of the inferior classes of cultivators to the Kunbis is larger in this it is either in Mátar or Nadiad. But, notwithstanding this fact, it account of the taluka for the last 30 years here given shows tof prosperity; the principal among them being the satisfactory are ndrells and dairy animals. The price of rice, the most valuable of numbes risen 47 per cent, and this rise, as I have shown, may be looked 3. ent. To show that rice cultivation is profitable, I will state that, Cipils
during the lease, 5,260 acres of dry crop land have been converte The demand for rice is bound to go on increasing owing to the rapia, out of Káthiáwár by railways, because many parts of that Province, to my ledge, grow little or nothing of it. Further, it will have been seen that Civil average subletting value of land as furnished by the Registration Departmen lts nearly 300 per cent. of the Government assessment. Lastly, as the revision th your tálukas is to follow upon one another as fast as the collection of the statistics will permit, it is advisable that the rates of the district should show a consistency, which was raiher difficult of attainment 30 years ago when settlements were of a more tentative character than they now are. Mehmadabad, as will be seen by a reference to the map, is adjoining Nadiad, the top rate of which is Rs. 6-4-0, whereas its own top rate is Rs. 4-12-0. From all this I cannot but conclude that the present maximum rates are capable of being enhanced by 33 per cent., the bighest limit of increase permitted by the Land Revenue Code.
45. I will now proceed to group the villages for the purpose of rating. I need not add that these villages are now, for the first time, being treated as a whole; for up to 1867 they had belonged to different tálukas, and had been classified from different stand-points of view.
46. The climate being the same over the small extent of the taluka, the proximity to the railway and the nearness and accessibility to the markets will form the main conditions which will guide me in the formation of the groups The following villages I place in the first group:-

| 1. Kairá. | 9. Samastpur. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2. Mehmadábad, | 10. Gádvá. |
| 3. Dedardá. | 11. Gotháj. |
| 4. Parsátaj. | 12. Bávrá. |
| 5. Khátraj. | 13. Katakpur. |
| 6. Areri. | 14. Cháprá. |
| 7. Vansol Devki. | 15. Jáva. |
| 8. Káchái. | 17. Vhumarvád. |
|  |  |

Both the market towns of Kaira and Mehmadabad are in the group. The latter is also a railway station.
47. The villages of my second group are as under:-

| 1. Vánthvali. | 7. Sunj. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2, Mokvá. | 8. Kesrá. |
| 3. Richol. | 9. Vansol Sundhá، |
| 4. Akláchá. | 10. Vamáli. |
| 5. Vansoli. | 11. Sundhá. |
| 6. Rasulpur. | 12. Varsolá. |

These villages adjoin the first group and are almost included in the trian formed by the three market towns of Mehmadabad, Mahudha and Nadiad. sides of the triangle are formed by the B. B. and C. I. Railway, and the class road from Nadiad to Kapadvanj.
48. The below mentioned villages belong to the third group :-

| 1. Rudan. | 13. Mahij. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2. Karoli. | 14. Sansoli. |
| 3. Setrundá. | 15. Kanij. |
| 4. Ghodáli. | 16. Ráská. |
| 5. Sojáli. | 17. Rohisd |
| 6. Sarsavni. | 18. Modaj, |
| 7. Vasna Khurad. | 19. Ámsarván, |
| 8. Samadrá. | 20. N'enp |
| 9. Sánkhej. | 21. Páliád. |
| 10. Vasnd Máragiá. | 22. Yadadlá. |
| 11. Bidaj. . | 23. Malátaj |
| 12. Lali, | -24. Sádrá. |

The above villages are in two clusters; one adjoining Kapadvand the other Daskroi. The position assigned to the former requ planation. The reason why the former is placed in the same cle that it has the drawback of being separated-from. Kaira and Meb two rivers, both of which have high precipitous banks, which mus bullock-power for the haplage of carts.
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acres in

> 1. Dajipurá
3. Kuná.
impuls

> 2.- Jhinjhár.
4. Háthnoli.
the $r$ realls for no explanation.
pr 50. The present maximum rates range as follows:-


The above rating is most irregular, for the Jetalpur villages are among the finest in the taluka, and in respect of rice cultivation some of them are the very best.
51. This great irregularity makes the fixing of new rates for the villages, which have been grouped together for the first time, a difficult matter, especially when the limitation rules come in to hamper the Settlement officer. The goal of evenness of rates that cannot now be reached must be left for the next generation of officials to attain; our part being to help them to do this by arranging things towards that object. The new maximum rates I beg to propose are as given below :-

|  |  |  |  | Rs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
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The device of double rates for each group has hitherto sufficed; but, in the present case, it has been found compulsory to go even beyond this and have special low rates for some of the villages in all but the second group, the reasons being cocause some of the old rates are special ones in consideration of the
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55. The subjoined statement shows the extent of land of different descriptions that has been adjudged to have subsoil water advantages :-

| Group. |  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of Villages. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Total Arsh. |  |  | ARBA ASBİSSED YOR SUBSOIL WATER. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Dry-erop, | New Rice. | Old Rice. | Dry-crop, | New Rice. | OId Rice. |
|  |  |  |  | A. g. | A. $\mathrm{G}^{\text {. }}$ | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. |
| I | ** | 17 | 9,723 10 | 1,036 5 | 2,741 28 | 9,183 9 | 1,007 13 | 2,681 18 |
| II | $\ldots$ | 12 | 9,421 35 | 965 9 | 3,141 8 | 7,9009 | 89229 | 2,914 38 |
| III | . $\cdot$ | 24 | 15,438 23 | 1,677 35 | $4,286 \quad 4$ | 14,836 32 | 1,675 13 | 4,285 2 |
| IV |  | 4 | 2,418 33 | 28025 | 56826 | 2,268 4 | 27139 | 55838 |
|  | Total | * 0 | $-37,00221$ | 3,959 34 | 10,737 26 | 34,188 14 | 3,847 19 | . 10,44016 |

56. The following abstract of Appendix $Q$ will show at a glance the estimated result by the group of the application of the above proposed rates to all the occupied and unoccupied Government lands of the táluka:-


The bleck igures represent unasseessed bhatha land.
The increase on the whole is 33 per cent. The increase on group firs exceeds the legal limit, but it will be reduced by 4 or 5 points in the detailed calculation.
57. In 43 villages of the táluka there are a few fruit trees which belong to Government, and from which Government got an average revenue for the last five years of Rs. $903-0-8$. In their respect I recommend the same policy as has been pursued in Gujarat revision settlements, $i$.e.e, that the right of property in them be handed over to the Khátedárs in whose lands they stand.
58. As usual, teak, blackwood and sandalwood trees will be reserved to Government at the announcement of the revised rates.
59. In conclusion, if the proposed rates are approved by Government I recommend that they, be guaranteed for the usual term of 30 years beginning from the year in which they are first levied.

> I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,
T. R. FERNANDEZ
T. R. FERNANDEZ, Deputy Superintendent, Revenue Surkey, Gujarát.

APPENDIX A.
Statement showing monthly Rain-fall recorded at Mehmadadad Station, Kaira District, during the years 1882 to 1892.

|  | Year. |  | From January to April. | May. | June. | July. | August. | September. | October. | November. | December. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | . | In. ct. | In. ct. | In. ct. | In. ct. | In. ct. | In. ct. | In. ct. | In. ct. | In. ct. | In. ct. |
| 1882 | ... | - | - | .-...0 | 785 | 1799 | 422 | 421 | ...... | ...... | ...... | $34 \quad 27$ |
| 1883 | . - | $\cdots$ | $0 \quad 54$ | 081 | 451 | 1270 | 086 | 920 | 010 | ..... | $\cdots$ | 2872 |
| 1884 | ". | ... | - ...... | ... | $3 \quad 44$ | $\begin{array}{ll}24 & 77\end{array}$ | 695 | $12 \quad 77$ | ...... | - | . | 4793 |
| 1885 | ... | ... | 09 | 016 | 321 | 926 | 14.30 | 035 | 18 | .....• | ...... | $28 \quad 45$ |
| 1886 | ** | ... | ..... | 08 | $6 \quad 24$ | 2160 | 672 | 32 | $0 \quad 32$ | ..... | -*... | 3798 |
| 1887 | ... | . | 08 | ...... | 932 | $18 \quad 27$ | 864 | 120 | ... | 162 | $0 \quad 32$ | 3945 |
| 1888 | ... | ... | 071 | ....' | 255 | 4.79 | 796 | ..... | ..... | 255 | ..... | $18 \quad 56$ |
| 1889 | ..* | $\cdots$ | - | 298 | 442 | 12 l | 1176 | $0 \quad 76$ | 161 | ..... | ...... | 3368 |
| 1890 | - | - 0 | .. ..... | *....* | 442 | $9 \quad 40$ | $10 \quad 38$ | 440 | $\ldots$ | ..... | **** | 2860 |
| 1891 | ... | ... | $0 \quad 10$ | ..... |  | $18 \quad 16$ | $2 \quad 57$ | 326 | . | ...... | ..... | 24 '9 |
| 1892 | ... | . ${ }^{\circ}$ | . $\cdot$.. $\cdot$ | -...." | 136 | $15 \quad 53$ | 1540 | 2187 | 125 | -••*** | ..... | 5541 |
|  |  | A verage | $0 \quad 14$ | $0 \quad 37$ | 430 | 14.96 | 816 | 55 | $0 \quad 40$ | $0 \quad 38$ | 03 | 3429. |

Statement showing the average of Cultivated and Uncultivated Area, as also the details of Crops for five years from 4.D. 1887-8S to 1891-92.


## APPENDIX D.

Detail of Population according to Occupation by percentages for the Mehmadabad Táluka.

| Agrictlioral Popdiation. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Nom-agrycultural Population. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Having interest in Land. |  |  |  |  | Labourers. |  |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Total } \\ \text { Agracul- } \\ \text { tural Popu- } \\ \text { lation. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Crafts. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Unskill. } \\ & \text { ed } \\ & \text { labour. } \end{aligned}$ | Others. | Total non agricultural Population. |
| Land occu pants not cultivating. | Land occupants cultivating. | Tenants andsharere cultivating. | Others. | Total, | $\mid \underset{\text { servants }}{\text { Farm }}$ | Field Labourers and crop watchers | Total. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 2.71 | $35 \cdot 39$ | $20 \cdot 42$ | 0.01 | 58.53 | $1 \cdot 12$ | 776 | $8 \cdot 88$ | $67 \cdot 41$ | 15.32 | 205 | $15 \cdot 22$ | 32:59 |

APPENDIX E.
Detail of Population according to religion and education for the year 1891-92.


## APPENDIX G,

Statement of Shops, Looms, Temples, fec., and average Births, Deaths and Fancination.


## APPENDIX H.

Statement of Schools together with their average attendance in the year 1891-92.
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APPENDIX I.
Statement showing the proportion of Government Oceupied anl Inam Lands cultivated by Occupants and Sub-tenants, fc., in the year 1891-92.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { ot } \\ \text { Fullages } \end{gathered}$ | Taluka. | Total Numbers cultavated by Occupants or Inamdars. |  | Total Numbers cultivated by Occupants or Inamdars in partnership with others. |  | Total Numbers cultivated by Sub-tenants on money rent. |  | Total Numbers cultivated by Substenents for produce of grasn rent. |  | Waste Numbers. | Parampok <br> Numbers. | Total Num |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Govern. ment. | Inam. | Govern. ment. | Inam. | Govern ment. | Intm, | Govern. ment | Inam. |  |  | Govern= ment. | 1 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | $\theta$ | 7 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |  |
| 57 | Mehrnadabad ... | 19,041 | 11,080 | 811 | 235 | 484 | 1,329 | \$41 | 707 | 1,693 | 928 | 23,203 |  |
| * | Percentage ... | 51 | 80 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | - 2 | 4 |  |  |  |

Statement showing Wells, Budkis, Tanks and other sources of water-supply in the 57 Government villages of the Mfehmadabad Taluka of the Kaira Colleclorate

|  | Yaar. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tanta. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Oraman sotacka, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Raxamge |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\underset{\text { Irrigationat }}{\text { For }}$ |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { For drinking } \\ \text { supppy of huanon } \\ \text { beings, but iot } \\ \text { for jrrigation. } \end{array}\right\|$ |  | $\left.\begin{array}{\|c\|} \text { For catile and } \\ \text { Washing and other } \\ \text { purpose, but not } \\ \text { por irrigation or } \\ \text { drinning guppry } \\ \text { of human benges. } \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ |  | In disuse. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Irrigation. } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { For drinking } \\ \text { supplyot human } \\ \text { hopge solelys } \end{array}\right\|$ |  |  |  | In disase. |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Frrigation } \end{aligned}$ |  | For drinkingBuppyly ofhumnitengssolely alely. |  |  |  | In dsuse. |  |  |
|  |  | Pakke | Katcha | Pakka. | Katcha. | Pakka. | Kotcha. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Tallen } \\ \text { in or in } \\ \text { dereparar } \end{gathered}$ | Other casaeb | Pakka. | Katcha. | Palka. | Kotcha. | Pakka | Katcha. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Failen } \\ \text { indor } \\ \text { ingrepair. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Other } \\ \text { causea. } \end{gathered}$ | Pakka. | Katchas. | Pakks | Satcha. | Pakka. | Katcham |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | $\theta$ | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 24 | 15 | 18 | 17 | 18 | 19 | ${ }^{20}$ | 21 | 22 | 3 | 24 | 25 | 28 | ${ }^{27}$ |
|  | 2886-87.. | 1,449 | 18 | 267 | 4 | ${ }^{1} 5$ | $\cdots$ | 124 | 19 | . | 180 | 14 | 8 | 2 | 186 | $\cdots$ | 8 | .. | * | * | $\cdots$ | . | * | . | * |  |
|  | 1891-98.. | 1,479 | 76 | 204 | 4 | 22 | 5 | 120 | 12 | 12 | 162 | 3 | ${ }_{4}$ | 1 | 238 | $\cdots$ | 2 | - | .. | $\cdots$ | . | . | * | . | . $\cdot$ |  |



APPENDIX K. showing ordinary sales.

| Class of cases according to the number of times the Survey Assensment for which land is sold. | Num: ber of cases. | Total Acres sold. | Total A.ssessment | Average rate of Assessment per Acre. | Total smm for which sold. | - Average rate per Acre for which sold, | Average number of times the Surrey $\Delta s_{0}$ sessment for whech sold. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  |  | Rs. 2. | Rs. amp. | Rs. | Riga a. p. |  |
| Clasg I- I to 10 times | 6 | 17.22 | $608^{-}$ | 6144 | 436 | 24136 | 7.20 |
| Class II- 11 to 25 \% .. | $\} 80$ | 153.0 | 5240 | 350 | 13,656 | $86 \quad 610$ | 26.06 |
| " III- 26 to 50 ", ... | ¢ 12 | 220 | 570 | 295 | 3,481 | $\begin{array}{llll}157 & 5 & 1\end{array}$ | 60.71 |
| " IV- 61 to 100 ", | 1 | $1 \cdot 18$ | 38 | 267 | 400 | 275139 | 114.28 |
| - Total | 99 | 199.0 | 6450 | $3 \quad 310$ | 17,953 | $90 \quad 36$ | 27.83 |

APPENDIX K ${ }^{(1)}$ showing sales under Court decree.


APPENDIX L: showing simple Mortgages.


APPENDIX L( ${ }^{(1)}$, showing Mortgages with possession.


APPENDIX M. showing Sub-lettings.


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Statement showing the prices prevalent in the Mehmadabad Taluka of ths
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APPENDIX Q.

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Rovenue History for 7 Villages of the old Jetalpur Táluka, situated in the Mehmadalad Talulhaof the Kaira Collectorate, into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1858-59.
[The years above the black line are those antecedent to the Survey Settlement.]


APPENDIX Q.
General Statement showing the result of the present and proposed rates in each of the 67 y former subver.


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No. 3024 of 1893.
From

# J. DeCOURGY ATKINS, Esq., <br> Collector of Kaira, 

To

G. B, REID, Esq.,<br>Commissiorfer, Northern Division.

Kaira Collector's Office, 28th September 1893.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward the accompanying report by Mr. Deputy. Sue. perintendent Fernandez on the revision, survey settlement of the Mehmadabad : Táluka of this district:
2. The increase of revenue from Government occupied land under his proposals is no less than Rs. 60,366 , but inasmuch as the prescribed 33 per cent. increment is 'hot exceeded, the settlement is, in this respect, on all fours with many other recent settlements. We have now, however, I venture to submit, reached a critical stage in survey settlement history: a stage at which it is desirable to act with caution and make sure of our ground. Of course, when we had to deal, at revision, with original settlements made during the low prices of the early fifties, it was a simple task to justify a large increment: and it will perhaps be an equally difficult task to justify any increment at all when we come to deal, at revision, with original settlements made as were some of those in Kaira and Broach during the high prices of the years of the American war. But in the case of original settlements made during the pariod 1857-1862, when prices, owing to the large imports of silver consequent on the "Public Works policy" of Inc " 578 wère steadily rising, but before their great "jump," care must be taker ${ }^{3,815}$ ascertain our data accurately; and this caution is more especially needed $\mathbf{w}_{2,198}^{562}$ revising Mehmadabad settlement made in the last of that series of years, a set $\qquad$ ment whose rates were enabled by the great "jump" of prices in 1863, to ${ }^{20,473}$ reported satisfactorily after a year's trial, in spite of the fact that, when $t$. were originally framed, both the Collector of the district and the Sur Superintendent feared they would be found too high. The statement that he feared they would be found too high made by Captain Prescott in paragraph 14 of his report No. 546 of the 21st November 1863, on the Mátar settlement, clearly negatives any inference that might otherwise have been drawn from his somewhat loose remarks in his previous report No. 542 of the 31st December 1862 on Mátar : remarks which have already been given the epithet of "wild" by a responsible officer.
3. I submit that the decision as to whether an increase of assessment at this revision settlement is justified, should depend almost entirely on the answers given to the following two questions:-
(a) Are prices of the staple products, bájri and rice, higher than those on which the original rates were based?
(b) Are there any other reasons for believing that land in this táluka is at present under-assessed?
I am not to be numbered amongst those who, ignoring Malthus, find ir increase of population a justification for raising rents in a thickly* populater

[^0] country or who find that justification in increase 0 huts or cattle, schools or dispensaries, carts or drinkin, wells. Such statistical information has its use, but its connection with increase of assessments is usually re. mote. It becomes important merely when the inference is negative. For example, a great decrease of population might suggest that rates ought not to be raised,
4. I will deal with prices first. An accurate discussion of the history of prices is always difficult. The data for early years are too uncertain to be trustod without careful check. And I am sorry I am obliged to entirely reject the
prices furnished by the Mámlatdár to Mr. Fernandez for the years just before, and - I wonld invite attention just after the settlement of Mátar. The great " jump" for example to the figures for the Bombay Presidency, especially for bajri, given at page 159 of Mr. O'Connor's "Prices and Wages in India," 10th Edition.

+ For "bajri" and partially for rice, though there was another jump for rice in the following year.
$\ddagger$ Mehmadabad comprises villages formerly in Mátar, formerly in Mahnda, and formerly in Jetalpur.
§ Máar town is close to Kaira in Mehmadabad. of prices (a sudden doubling almost) due to the American war is generally accepted," I believe, as having taken place in 1863. I find that the prices given in the Gazetteers for all three adjoining districts-Kaira, Broach, and Ahmedabad-support the view that this was the "jump" year.t Further, I find that in his report on Mahudhał (Government Selection CXIV.) Captain Prescott showed in his diagram (page 606), that the " jump" for bajri, for which alone he gives the 1863 price, took place in 1863, and he adds (page 608) that at the time of writing, viz. December 1863, "many kinds of agricultural produce are three times as dear as in 1856." Lastly, 1 find that Mr. Fernandez himself in his recent report on the Mátar§ settlement gave 1863-64 as the year of the jump in prices. When, therefore, I find that he, in his report now under review, makes out that the jump occurred a year later, viz, in 1864-65, I feel that his figures for early years are not trustworthy, and I prefer to depend
${ }^{1}$ In the diagram on page 606 of Government Selection CLIV. (a comparison of rice figures is not possible.) for the early years, on those compiled with so much care by Mr. J. Campbell for the Kaira Gazetteer, with which, I may remark, Captain Prescott's figures for bajriす! agree sufficiently well.

5. I give below the Gazetteer figures for bájri and cleaned rice (there are no figures for rice in husk) for the years 1850-1870, and figures obtained from the Mámlatdár for the prices of the same articles in the markets of Kaira and Mehmadabad for the years 1885-1892. For the purpose of obtaining an average or recent jears I prefer not to go back further than 1885, since when prices ppear to have been somewhat steadier than previously. The figures represent 'pounds per rupee." "

6. Haring obtained our data, the question is-Were the " original rates" based on the low prices before 1857, or on the high prices after 1862, or on the prices of any one or more of the intermediate years of rapidly rising prices?
7. The conclusion at which I have arrived after careful study of the papers * Vide conclusion in my is that Captain Prescott framed his rates somewhat Appendix. $1862_{2}$ but that his rates were expected both by him and by the Collector to be + Vide III. in my Appendix: found heary, the and were prevented from being so found of the settlement. Unless those high prices (the sudden " jump") had helped the new rates to be easily paid, there was a chance of their proving too high and being modified, and therefore I submit that though the rates were framed on prices somewhat lower than those of 1862, they were established, to some small extent, on the basis of the high prices of 1863. Taking into account this influence, small though it may have been, of the 1863 prices, or the settlement rates before they were submitted to Government for sanction, I think it would be reasonable to hold that the real price basis of the settlement was not appreciably lower than the prices of the year 1862; and the fairest course I can see is to take the actual prices of that year as our standard for the purpose of comparison with the average prices of the years $1885-1892$.
8. The comparison is given below :-

|  |  | Bajyi. | Cleaned Rice. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Prices ot 1862 | $\cdots$ | 40 | 26 |
| Average prices of $1885-1892$ | $\cdots$ | $31 \frac{1}{2}$ | $22 \frac{1}{2}$ |

The increase is about 21 per cent. in the case of bajiri and $13 \frac{1}{2}$ per centrin the case of rice; a result which differs greatly from that obtained by Mr. Fernandez (vide his paragraph 36), and clearly does not justify the increase of assessments by 33 per cent., as proposed by him.
9. It must be recollected that Mehmadabad táluka comprises villages which formerly belonged to Mátar, villages which belonged to Mahudha, and villages which belonged to Jetalpur. The above comparison of prices is made with reference to the former villages alone. The Jetalpur villages were settled during the period of very low prices, and in their case the rise of prices since the settlement is undoubtedly sufficient to justify a full 33 per cent. increase; whife on the other hand in the case of the Mahudha villages, which were settled later than those of Matar, an even smaller increase than that indicated in paragraph 8 could be justified by the history of prices alone.
10. I next turn to (b) (vide paragraph 3 above). The statistics in para graphs $30-35$ of Mr. Fernandez's report undoubtedly show that land has a high value, and in spite of the difficulty of discriminating between the value of land in Kunbi and Koli villages, respectively-the yalue being of course much higher in the former than in the latter. I see no reason to believe that an increase of assessment to the full extent justified by the rise of prices would be unfair.

I am not prepared, indeed, to argue that a much higher increase (even thy suggested 33 per cent. increment) could not be paid in so fertile a country, exceptional treatment could be accorded as a special case to the Koli

[^1] Muhammadan villages. It could certainly be paid, a indeed, any assessment that did not exceed the rack-r could actually be paid here or elsewhere.* But it H not, bitherto, been the policy of Government to increa assessments up to the limit of the rack-rents, or to assume that land assessed at sum lower than the rack-rent is under-assessed. On the contrary, Government have generally been content to receive as assessment about one-third of the rack-rent, and to impose, at revision settlement, no greater increase than that justified by such tangible facts as increase of prices. It would not be well $t$.
+1873 and 1874.
$\ddagger$ This is distinct from the distress referred to in paragraph 12 of Mr. Feruandez's report. make an exception to this policy with a taluka like Mehmadabad, where at one period in the course of the term $\dagger$ of settlement, when prices were falling, much distress was reported by Revenue officers, $\ddagger$ and where the following statistics of notices of demand show that it is not comparatively under-assessed; and indeed
that there is more actual difficulty found in realizing the land revenue in this, the smallest taluka, than in any other táluka of the district.

| Taluka. | ,Notices of demand issued. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1890.91. | 1891-92. | 1892-93. |
| Mehmadabad ... | 2,101 | 1,564 | 1,219 |
| Mátar ... | 1,752 | 1,943 | 1,061 |
| Thásra ... | , 618 | 556 | -288 |
| Kapadvanj ... | 764 | 487 | 768 |
| Nadiád | 862 | 470 | 479 |
| Borsad | 922 | 290 | 128 |
| A'nand | 529 | 136 | 71 |

I might also call attention to the fact that the number of decrees of Civil Courts, for the sale of the property of agriculturists, executed by Revenue officers is comparatively large in Mehmadabad, in proportion to the size of the táluka.
11. To sum up, I come to the conclusion that omitting the Jetalpur villages, which should be dealt with apart from the rest, an increase of assessment by from 15 to 20 per cent. can be justified by the history of prices, and the value of land.

## $P_{\text {art }}$ II.

(tOn f2. The problem now is:-How should the increase be distributed? adop deal, in order, with (1) dhekudiat rates, (2) water-rates for rice land, and rvey wry-crop rates. Bhátha land is so fertile that I need not attempt to criticize e rice ' 'ernandez's proposals regarding it.
us ${ }^{\text {pend }}$ 3. What is a dhekudi? It is simply a well dug in a high river bank. unicaticiver water is brought into the bottom of the well, and is lifted by a bag top, from whence it is conveyed in narrow channels to various fields in I cont eighbourhood, which belong either to the owner of the dhekudi or to qual. hs who have paid him money for his water. It is sometimes urged that halump sum annual tax should' be paid by every man who owns a dhekudi; and at other times, it is urged that he should pay nothing for the dhekudi itself, but that the owners of all the fields to which the water could possibly be conveyed, if a dhekudi were made, should be lightly taxed. The pendulum swings backwards and forwards between these two policies. At the Original Survey Settlements of various tálukas in Gujarát districts, the former policy was sometimes adopted and sometimes the latter. At Revision Settlements the latter policy has hitherto been adopted ; but Mr. Ozanne, a most competent critic, has always been opposed to it, and has recently put his objections very forcibly, and in a new and stronger light than before, in his review of the report on the Revision Settlement of Mátar. At one time, I confess, I thought he was wrong; but now, with some slight practical experience of Gujarat and of dhekudis, I am able to appreciate his arguments and to prefer them to those of his opponents. And one other thing that occurs to me, in addition to Mr. Ozanne's arguments, is, how can a man equitably be called on to pay dhekudiat assessment, when he is not able to make a dhekudi for himself, but has to depend on the chance of a dhekudi being made by his neighbour, and, even then, cannot get the water (except possibly some trickling through of subsoil water) unless he pays the dhekudi owner for such water as he receives?
14. But though I much prefer Mr. Ozanne's system to the system adrovated (or rather "accepted") in the present report I have not been able to understand the use of assessing dhekudis at all in the Mehmadabad Taluka. The total extra assessment due to dhekudis is, I learn, from

* The figures in column 27 of Appendix R. represent drycrop rates plus extra dhekudi assessment. the Deputy Survey Superintendent, only Rs. 609* per annum for the whole Mehmadabad Taluka; and if two villages be omitted the total extra assessment is only Rs. 319 , spread over 16 villages and in some
* (It may bo noted in this connection that it is proposed to give up the Government annual revenue of Rs. 900 for fruit trees, a much more legitimate saurce of revenue and a sum exceeding by 50 per cent, the total extra dhekudiat assessment for the taluka.) ment the extra revenue on account of dhekudis should be entirely foregone.

15. Dhekudiat rates, indeed, strike me as being somowhat easy to deal with. There is much more difficulty when I come to deal with water rates for rice land. Till I discussed this settlement with Mr. Fernandez, I never properly understood the principles on which water-rates were fixed in this part of the Presidency, His description was generally something like the following:-
"A Settlement officer inspects a typical field in a village, and as the result of his long experience is able to say to himself:-It would be fair to put the total assessment of this field at Rs. 4 per acre. But its soil rate will, I presume, be about Rs. 2. Therefore there are left Rs. 2 for water rate. Now the water classing book shows that the water classification annas are 12 on a 24 -annas classification scale. In other words, Rs. 2 represent 12 annas of the classification scale. Hence the sum represented by 16 annas of the classification scale will be $\frac{18}{12}$ (Rs. 2), that is, Rs. 22.*Therefore, the latter sum should be treated as the masimum (16 annas) or standard water-rate for this village."
16. Of course, I admit that in this brief general description of procedine there is an exaggeration of defects and a failure to do justice to the expericy Mr. judgment, and ability of the selected officers to whom alone such imporase of work is entrusted. But at the same time the point I want to make is sh forth pretty clearly. This is that too much depends on (1) the impressions particular officer whose standard must vary from village to village and ( 2 , which guess made by him of the probable soil rate. There is thus every reas villages expect inequality of rating, or in other words variation in the maximu e with standard rates.
17. And to what length this inequality went at original settlement is shee the by the following table compiled by me from statistics furnished by the Deputy $f$ Survey Superintendent, rates which Mr. Fernandez would leave unchanged :-

Group 1-Seventeen Vịllagea,


Group 2-Twelve Villages.


Grour-3-Twenty-four Villages.

18. Surely there is as much reason in Mehmadabad as there was in Mátar for equalizing these maximum rates. Comparative water advantages are allowed for in the technical process of classification ; but the standara of rating should be the same in all villages unless there are definite reasons to the contrary. The fact that one village has better tank or gets more rain or river water than another is no reason why the former's fields should have a higher standard rate than the latter, for the former's fields will, proportionately to their advantages, be rated at more scale annas in the classer's note book. If the former, for example, is rated in a classer's book at 20 scale annas and the latter at 8 scale annas, the effect of imposing the same "maximum" or "standard" rate (applicable to 16 annas) of Rs. 4 in both the villages will be that the former field will actually be assessed at Rs. 5 per acre and the latter at Rs, 2 only.
19. In Mátar as in Mehmadabad (which indeed was formerly part of Mátar) the maximum water rates at the original settlement varied considerably. In bis revision settlement report on Mátar, however, Mr. Fernandez went half way towards "equalizing" the standard rates. And Mr. Ozanne, in his critical review of that report, went more than half way. In fact he went three-quarters of the way, and I have not been able to understand why he did not go the whole way.* As Mehmadabad was originally part of Mátar and was treated in the same way at original settlement, it should clearly be treated in the same way at revision. We should, I suggest, follow, for Mehmadabad, Mr. Ozanne's example for Mátar, but should go "the whole way" instead of three-quarters
("The ostensible reason, viz. better water supply in Group 3, is I think nusound, This is allowed for in a classer's note book and does not justify a difference of standard.) and should have the same standard of rating for all the groups. It might seem at Ginst sight that the standard of water-rate, like that of soil rate, should be higher
for group 2 than for group 3, and for group 1 than for
( $\dagger$ On the sanhe principle as adopted in the Konkan arvey where maximum rates for rice land as a whole soil for rice land as a whole soil plus watfore made to depend on (acilities for
municati㸚 with markets.) group $2 f$, on the ground that communications with markets are best in group 1 and next best in group 2. But against this the facts must be borne in mind that a water-rate is applied only to rice land, and that in this particular táluka rice is reported to be "sold at door." Therefore rice cultivators have not the trouble of condying their produce to markets, and all villages may be treated as on an of condoting as regards communication with markets far as the disposal of L. -i rece is concerned.
20. Now, how can we obtain one equal standard. In the first case we may leave out of consideration the $6 \ddagger$ Jetalpur villages to
$\ddagger$ The 7 th is in Group 4. leave out of consideration the $6 \ddagger$ which I shall refer in paragraphs 33-37 below. I
vould also leave out of consideration the exceptional villages entered for convevould also leave out of consideration the exceptional villages entered for cont head-
jence in group 4 and also perhaps the town of Kaira, on the ground that a parters town has special advantages in the way of disposing of its rice crop and $>$ lling its rice land. There renain the following villages:-

21. The general standard rate that has been proposed for the adjoining taluka of Mátar is Rs. 3. In Mehmadabad the same rate would perhaps be suitable; but in view of the necessity, in conformity with my conclusions in paragraph 11 above, for cutting down Mr. Fernandez's rates, a more convenient general standard rate would, I think, be Rs. 2-12-0. The application of this to the above 46 villages will mean that the present maximum rate will be retained in 11 villages, raised in 17, and reduced in 18. The most noticeable reduction is that in 14 villages now rated at Rs. 3-4-0, but these include Mahudha villages in the 2 nd group in the case of which my remarks at the end of paragraph 9

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above show that even more care must be taken to cut down Mr. Fernandez's proposals than in other cases.
22. For me to suggest the above sweeping paper alteration of water-rates will doubtless appear a somewhat bold and presumptuous course. I may explain, however, in defence that this is no more sweeping a proposal and no more theoretical paper work than that of the Survey and Settlement Commissioner himself in paragraph 7 of his report, No. 854 of the 1st April 1893, on the revision settlement of Mátar; and, inasmuch as Mr. Fernandez's proposals to perpetaate the present inequality of standard can clearly not be depended on

* I am really only doing a portion of the settlement work which Mr. Fernandea has left wndane.
any other ground than that it saves trouble, some such course as that which I propose seems essential,* and the only difficulty is to decide between Rs. 2-8-0, Rs. 2-12-0, and Rs. 3 as our standard. It seems curious that in paragraph 51 of his report Mr. Fernandez has excused himself for not removing the inequality by saying that the limitation rules bar the way. He does not appear to have noticed that equality can be gained as simply lowering some rates and raising others as by raising alone; and the limitation rules while applying to the latter course would yot necessarily apply to the former.

23. I now turn to the last and most difficult rates of those mentioned fo my paragraph 12, wiz., the dry-crop rates, and inasmuch as my previous proposals cannot, to any appreciable extent, have reduced the increment propos ed suggested dry-crop rates.

The following is an abstract of a portion of Appendix Q :-
Assessment on Government Occupied Land.

| Group. | 1 <br> Former Settlement. | 2 <br> Revision Settlement. | 3 Increment. | 4 <br> Percentage of ymarement. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rs. 52,296 | Rs. 71,325 | Rs. 19,029 | Rs. |
|  | 49,080 | 64,874 | 15,794 | - $\frac{32 \frac{1}{2}}{}$ |
| Group IIF. (6 Jetalpur villages) | 27,791 | 40,491 | 12,700 | $46^{2}$ |
| Group III. (18 other villages) ... | 43,667 | 54,235 | 10,568 | 24 |
| Group IV. ... ... | 7,350 | 9,627 | 2,227 | 31 |

24. It will be observed that in compiling the above table, I have retain Mr. Fernandez's grouping or rather his nominal grouping. But while I thin his nominal or map grouping is on the whole very satisfactory, it will easily seen that the actual grouping is not grouping at all in the sense in which th term grouping is ordinarily used. The grouping of villages for the purpa survey settlement means the application of the same maximum ra standard to each of certain collections of villages, all villages with the standard being called a group. But Mr. Fernandez's groups are very diffed His first group contains two villages with a (proposed) standard of Rs. 5-8-0, with a standard of Rs. 5 , and 2 with a standard of Rs. 4-8.0. Similarly the 2. group has 5 villages with a standard of Rs. 5 and 7 with a standard of Rs. 4-8the third group has 13 with Rs. 4-8-0; 6 with Rs. 4 and 5 with Rs. 3.3.0, aud tb 4th group has 2 with Rus, 4, 1 with Rs. 3 , and 1 with Rs. 2. In other words, th. real grouping is utterly unlike the map grouping. Mr. Fernandez explained this to me by stating that his object was to indicate the correct "grouping to the future settlement officers of 30 years hence, though he could not himself venture on proposing it and had to be content with the patch work just noted. I am inclined to think that it is safe to leave officers of the distant future to their own devices and that it is our business rather to seeure fair and equal rating for the next period of thirty years. And I suggest there is no real difficulty in doing this.
25. I may, in time, invite attention to the very important fact that the
$\dagger$ (Especially the raising of the classification standard.) increment shows in columns 3 and 4 of my table in paragraph 23 is due quite as much to the new field work $\dagger$ as to the raising of maximum rates. This is a matter of common experience, and it is perhaps unnecessary for me to waste time in proving my statement, though, as an example, I may invite attention to the typical case of Modaj village, where, with no increase of rice land, or drycrop rate or of water rate, the total assessment on Government occupied land is increased by $25 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. as the result of field work alone. I think therefore that we can safely rely on getting the increment indicated as equitable in paragraph 11 above as the result of field work without raising our maximum rates at all. My efforts will therefore be directed towards equalizing the maximum rates rather than towards raising them: for to raise them appreciably, as a whole, would give us a larger increment than $I$ have suggested is justifiable.
26. For the first group I would suggest a uniform maximum rate of Rs. 4-8. This will mean retaining the present standard in 10 villages, lowering it by 4 annas in 2, and raising it by 4 annas in 1, 8 annas in 2, and 12 annas in 2.
27. For the 2 nd group I would have a rate of Rs. 4-4, i.e., I would retain the present standard for 11 villages and raise it by 4 annas in one.
28. In the case of the 3rd of Mr. Fernandez's groups, omitting the 6

Jetalpur villagest and the 5 marginally noted villages,
† Sarsarni, Kasoli, Rudan, Setrandar, Modaj.
F Setrandar, Modaj. annas in 3 , of 8 ang the present rate in 9 villages, and raising it 4 annas in 3, ant 8 annas in one. The five marginally noted villages I would form into a separy group with Rs. 4 as the maximum rate. They are unfavaurably situaty and I notice that Mr. Fernandez while placing them in a Rs. 4-8 group has 1 to make their actual rote lower.
29. Al in the last group, or I should perhaps say, the "c list of exceptional villad," I would include those in Mr. Fernandez's 4th group and let them retal the same maximum rates as they now have under the original settlement,blying on the "field work" to give us the increment required.
gh th/The only case in which my proposed rates will be higher than the ggested by Mr. Fernandez is that of Sarsavni, for which 1 would have f Rus. 4 instead of his Rs. 3-8. Though the increase of revenue will be frable, the village need not (especially in view of the large proportion of / is in its population) receive more favourable rating than its immediate hbours.
31. Thus, to sum up, my groups would consist of - Rs. a.

|  | villages | with a maximu | te of | $\ldots$ | ..' | ... |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 25 | do. | (i.e. 12 and 13) | do. | ... | ... | ... | 4 |  |  |
| 5 | do. |  | do. |  |  |  | 4 |  | 0. | 4 exceptional villages rated respectively at Rs. 2-4, 2-8, and $\dddot{\text { Rs. }} 3-8$ (twice).

32. I must of course leave it to the Survey officers to work out the actual bffect of imposing these rates, and to ascertain whether the result will, as I antrcipate from my experience of increase due to field work (vide para. 25 above), be total increase of revenue in each group by from 15 to 20 per cent. If they work this out for each gr up separately, they will be able, in case I am proved to have erred appreciably in the case of any group, to add on 2 or 4 annas, or subtract that amount from my proposed rate for that particular group. And I would here suggest, for the consideration of the Survey and Settlement Commissioner, that it would be convenient if these calculations could be made before my report reaches Government, unless indeed he feels complete conidence in his powers to shatter my general arguments ending with paragraph 11 above. And I might here venture to remark that the attempts made in both the Mátar papers and in. the present report to justify an increase by the assumed expediency of getting a "gradient" with Nadiad do not appear sound arguments.

## Part III.

33. I now turn to an exceptional case, that of the six marginally noted

|  | i. |
| :---: | :---: |
| Mahij. | aska |
| Bidaj. | Rohis |

- Vide paragraph 9 above. villages, which formerly belonged to Jetalpur, a táluka settled during the period of very low prices, and in whose case therefore the maximum increment of 33 per cent. would be justified* at revision settlement. (There is also in Mehmadabad another village Jinjhar; which belonged to Jetalpur, but it has been treated as exceptional one and included in the 4 th group by both Mr. Fernandez and myself.)

34. The following is an abstract of Appendix Q. regarding these villages :-

Assessment on Government Ocoupied Land.

| Village, |  |  | Original Settlement. | Revised proposals. | Increment. | Percentage of Increase. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |  |
|  |  |  | 5,863 | 7,835 | 1,972 | 34 |
| Lali | $\cdots$ | ... | 8,451 | 11,040 | 2,589 | 31 |
| Mahij | ... | ". | 5,637 | 11,441 | 3,864 | 68 |
| Bidaj | $\cdots$ | - ${ }^{\text {. }}$ | 4,036 | 5,939 | 1,903 | $47 \cdot 5$ |
| Konij | -.* | -•• | 1,704 | 2,722 | 1,018 | 59 |
| Raska Rohisa | -•" | $\ldots$ | 2,100 | 3,514 | 1,414 | 67 |
|  |  |  | 27,791 | 40,491 | $12,7$ | $\rangle$ |

 position of heavy water rates, and, to make up for that, extra low soil rates werk proposed. This cause for the lowness of the soil rates seems to have escaped notice in revising the Jetalpur villages which now belong to Daskroi and Mátar ; nor has it apparently attracted more attention in now revising the Mehmadabad villages which used to belong to Jetalpur. It was of course a simple task for a Settlement officer to point out to the low dry-crop rate of Rs. $2-8$ and say 4 "This is an excellent fertile country; why should not its rate be as high as the Rs. 4 in villages quite close by. Raise it at once." But if we bear in mind that at the original settlement of Jetalpur soil and water rates were considered together (the proportion of rice land being large) and that the heaviness of the water rates was the reason for the lowness of the soil rates, it will be clear that we cannot equitably allow these villages to retain water rates twice as heavy as those of their neighbours, and, at the same time, raise the soil rates of the former to an equality with those of the latter. The double burden would be too heavy, and how heary it.is "is proved by the figures in the last column of my table in paragraph 34 above."
37. There are too many complications in the case of these Jetalpur villages for me to be in a position to offer definite suggestions with advantage, and I would rather leave them to the experience of the Survey and Settlement
mmissioner. I should have thought that the best course would be to reduce ter rates, while raising soil rates : but I am not aware, and it is not indicated Mr. Fernandez, whether there are any special reasons, such as in the Khari ilambandi villages of Mátar, for leaving them unchanged as a temporary zasure, in view for example of the much-talked-of possibility of Irrigation Act tes being substituted for survey water rates (in the Greek Kalends). If, wever, the water rates are left unchanged, the proposed soil rates must, I ink, be lowered; and this appears, in any case, to be necessary in the purely a arala village of Rohisa, which I suggest might be treated as a quite excepnal village like those in Group IV. (paragraph 29 above) which it adjoins, in lich case its soil rate will remain at Rs. 2-8-0.

## Part IV.

38. Before concluding, I may remark that I am aware that, if my arguments a correct, they prove that the recent proposals for the Matar settlement were en to criticism in the same way as the present proposals for Mehmadabad. cannot help hoping therefore that Government will not have passed final lers on Mátar before the arrival of this report.
39. Lastly, I must apologise for having with only 4 months' experience of is district, ventured on writing so long and so critical review of a settlement jort drafted by a capable and experienced officer, Mr. Fernandez, whose labours lave fully appreciated, though I have had to raise so many objections to his pposals. But though my local experience has been short, I had a great deal do with settlement reports for nearly 5 years in the Secretariat, and I do $t$ therefore, in the present case, take up the work of críticism as a novice. : $\sim \mathbf{T} s \pi=$ hat if settlement reports were ever to be criticised in the interests annas in 3, ar plation, the Collector of the District, however inexperienced, into a separrfow the way, and I therefore had to make the most of my local ably situated ${ }^{\text {a }}$ upplement it with information specially collected for my purgroup has the results of my somewhat careful study in past year of prices 29. $\mathrm{Al}^{\text {es }}$ in economic history.

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J. DeC. ATKINS,

Collector, Kaira.
. gh/ 'e Survey and Settlement Commissioner.
APPENDIX (vide paragraph 7 of Report.)
Facts.
Srescott submitted two reports on Mátar, viz., 542 of 31 st December $\pm 6$ of 21 st November 1863. I shall call them A. and B. respectively.
A., paragraph 24, he said-
I. $-\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { "If the District. .... it could at present prices pay an assessment } 40 \\ \text { or } 50 \text { per cent. heavier than it now does"" }\end{array}\right.$

In A., paragraph 24, he-
II. -mentioned that he was actually raising assessments by 10 per cent.

In B., paragraph 14, he said:-
$\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { "The only question is whether your fears, in which } 1 \text { confess } I \text { partly shared, } \\ \text { that the rates proposed were tou high and that an increase of }\end{array}\right.$
III. $-\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { that the rates proposed were tou high and that an increase of revenue had } \\ \text { been }\end{array}\right.$ been obtained at the price of over-assessing the district were well founded."

## Inferences.

First. $\{$-III. read with I. shows that I. was an exaggeration and was C. \{ virtually admitted a year subsequently to be an exaggeration.

- (II, read with I. shows that taking existing assessment at Rs. 100, Captain Prescott raised them to 110, though he might (if his exagSecondly. $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { gerations were not an exaggeration) have raised them to } 140 \text { or } \\ 150 \text {. In other words, If there was no exaggeration he took }\end{array}\right.$ D. $\quad \frac{11}{14}$ or $\frac{11}{15}$ of the utmost increase justified by the prices of 1862. ${ }^{\overline{14}}$ Or: If there was an exaggeration-He took (say) about $\frac{11}{13}$ or $\frac{11}{13}$ of the utmost increase justified by the prices of 1862,

Hence admitting that $\mathbf{C}$ shows that there was an exaggeration, it can be said that the rates when framed were only a little lower than those believed to be justified by 1862 prices.
J. DeC. ATKINS,

Collector.

No. $\frac{\mathrm{s}}{400}$ of 1894.
From

> E. C. OZANNE, EsQ.,
> Survey Commissioner, and Director Land Records and Agriculture;

To
The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,
Revenue Department.
Poona, 19th February 1894.

## Sir,

I have the honour to submit the Deputy Superintendent's proposals for the revision settlement, of the Mehmadabad Táluka of Kaira with a critical review by Mr. Atkins, written without the light of the decision on the Mátar settlement. I trust that my action in keeping the papers till orders on Mátar were passed will be approved.
2. Mr. Atkins's opinion is that, excluding the Jetalpur villages, a case is not made out for enhancement beyond 15 or 20 per cent. To effect the necessary reduction in Mr. Fernandez's proposals he would pitch the soil maximum rates at a lower figure all round, generally speaking retaining the old rates, expecting that the increment arising from the application of the subsoil water assessment will secure the justifiable enhancement. He would make the water maximum uniform throughout the táluka; and abolish all charge for irrigation from rivers by dhekudis, on the argument that in this taluka the facilities for such irrigation are rare and insignificant. Though admitting that the very lenient treatment of the old Jetalpur villages justifies an enhancement up to at least 33 per cent., he thinks the relative valuation of soil and water in those villages' unreasonable, and would raise the soil but lower the water rate.
3. The Mehmadabad Táluka contains, besides the old Jetalpur villages settled at times of low prices in 1858, villages which then belonged to Mátar and Mahudha. The Mátar settlement was made in accordance with proposals submitted in December 1862, and the Mahudha rates were fixed in consultation by the Survey Officer and the Commissioner, N. D., in February 1863, though the formal report was not written till December. These dates are important The effect on prices due to the war in America had not then shown itsel There had been a rise in prices beginning soon after the Jetalpur settlement It was these prices only which were considered by Captain Prescott, and he dic not think they would be maintained. Mr. Atkins' contention therefore that dy very great caution must be exercised in revising the rates of tálukas settled fis
during the era of abnormal prices during the war does not concern the present during the era of abnormal prices during the war does not concern the present he revision. But while it is incontestable that such caution will have to be elf
exercised when we come to deal with later Kaira settlements, it is as incontest d. exercised when we come to deal with later Kaira settlements, it is as incontest d. able that.the pitch of assessroent adopted in Mátar was taken as the guide in to after-settlements rather than the after-course of prices.
4. Attention was principally centred on the old existing revenue. It was in very irregular, very oppressive in some, and comparatively lenient in other
villages. The chief consideration in the mind of the Settlement ()fficer was the burden of the old demand. His duty was not to revise a rental which was well apportioned, but to fix an initial rental which should be equitable in its incidence. The Commissioner, Mr. Ellis, in submitting the Mâtar proposals considered that the rates proposed were equitable, and commended Captain Prescott for not altogether ignoring the recent rise in prices.

With respect to the burden of the existing demand in Mátar Captain Prescott had doubts, but as to Mahudha he had none. He found that the old rental, though most irregular, was not on the whole a heavy one. Mr. Atkins, however, I believe, is quite right that but for the help of the unexpected further rise in prices, Mátar would have shown signs of over-assessment, but such signs would have been only visible in the Bhal villages, and not in the fertile tract adjoining Nadiad.

Captain Prescott then in Mátar, considering chiefly the former demand and its burden, decided to increase the Matar revenue by 10 per cent. That done, he used prices and other facts to support his decision. But it is clear that his proposals were not based primarily or principally on prices.
5. It is not reasonable to urge that Captain Prescott based his settlement on the prices of 1862, and to insist that the present increase must be limited by the rise since that date. There has been material development. There is no longer a need for retaining the abnormally low rates accorded at the original settlement to Koli and Musalmán villages. I have not had the opportunity of forming my own opinion as to these classes in Mehmadabad as I had in Matar : but if they have not improved during the 30 years of special treatment, they will not improve by a cuntinuation of like leniency now. They who can pay fair rates will prosper, but those who have not improved or have degenerated, must now improve or sink to the status of field labourers. Undue leniency seems to have had an effect opposite to that which was hoped for. It has made the Koli and Musalman an easier prey to the moneylender. There is further a considerable increase due in the Jetalpur villages. On the whole I think that the maximum rates fixed for Mátar must be taken as the guide for Mehmadabad.
6. Thesè rates bear no direct comparison with the old maximum rates by reason of the application of the subsoil water charge. I shall comment on that point further on, but have only to urge now that whatever effect it has, the increment is taken into account, and the comparison instituted is not between old and present rates, but between old and present demand, made up of numerous factors.
7. Before I deal with the grouping and rates for dry-crop, I think it essential to clear the ground by somewhat full comment on the dhekudiat and subsoil water assessments, and the manner in which the water maximum for rice land has been and should be regulated in Gujarit.
8. I do not think that Mr. Atkins' method of solving the dhekudiat question is very sound. It is unimportant in most villages in Mehmadabad, but in tyo villages at least it makes a considerable difference. However, Mr. Atkins' comments were submitted to Government while the Matar proposals were still fugder consideration and the ruling in Mátar must govern Mehmadabad.
I have been able to calculate the effect of giving up the dhekudiat charge on the areanow classed for dhekudiat. The water charge proposed is Rs. 609 , out the assessment for subsoil water amounts to Rs. 381 if the maximum soil s are acceppted as proposed by me in modification of those proposed by the

Superintendent.
$n$ other words, if the area now assessed as dhekudiat is assessed as dry-
,the revenue will be only Rs. 228 less than if it is assessed as dhekudiat. The land near rivers with high banks is usually low in the scale of subsoil water issessments, for the water cannot be got except at a depth below the level of the vater in the bed of the river. I have never objected to dhekudiat rates on the yround that they are an excessive charge. But my contention is that the bag rate is a fairer method of securing the revenue due to Government for the utili-
sation of water which vestsin Government, and there is no objection to a bag rate charge, if the riparian occupants, even though the subsoil increment is assessed, find it more profitable to use the water directly than to dig wells near the bank in their own lands.
9. In order that the effect of the modifications in the rules regarding the subsoil water increment may be tested, I have, as a special case, caused the detailed calculations to be made for the Mehmadabad Táluka. The tract is one with very large facilities for well irrigation. Nearly the whole area is assessed for the facility, viz. dry-crop 92 , new and old rice 97 , dhekudiat 98 , total area 93 per cent. This does not mean that the whole area is assessed alike. The charge varies with the depth of the water and its character; and it is just this variation which is the essential object of the system. The classification valuation works out as follows :-Dry-crop 1 a. 8 p. New rice 2 as. 6 p. Old rice 2 as. Dhekudiat 2 as. 4 p. Total area 1 a .10 p.

In other words, the addition is less than one class on the whole, and never exceeds one class and a quarter, but this is a substantial difference and is intended so to be. The variations may be exemplified by a few examples. In Vanthvali the wells are sometimes sweet, but chiefly blackish, and average 30 feet in depth. Only half the area is assessed under the increment. The assessment shows a classification of only 8 pies per acre on total area. In Pahad the wells are all sweet, and only average 18 feet to water. All the area is classed for subsoil water, and the classification incidence is as much as 2 as. 2 p . per acre. In Vasna Maragia, and Sankhej the wells are all or nearly all brackish, but the water is close to the surface, viz. at depths of 11 and 14 feet respectively. The incidence is 1 a .9 p . and $1 \mathrm{a}, 7 \mathrm{p}$. respectively. In Aklacha the wells are deep and some are brackish, averaging 38 feet, and so the incidence is only 1 a. It may be that the estimation by low paid subordinates of these facilities is somewhat rough and here and there at fault, but the fact still stands in strong relief that a differentiation is effected which is essential in our efforts to distribute the burden of assessment fairly, and that this differentiation could not within reasonable cost be effected otherwise.

This increment in classification has no reference to the former assessment on wells. That assessment has been wholly taken off, so that the stigma no longer remains that those who have sunk capital in improvemenfs are mate te pay an undue share of the profits of their enterprize. It may be added that, as far as comparison can be instituted, the total amount of the assessment leviable on account of the subsoil water increment far exceeds the former well asse ment. The comparison can only be made as to the well charge on dry-crop la) a portion of which is new rice and shown separately in Appendix Q. as r rice. The charge on rice land for well irrigation cannot be ascertained as field books which showed the detail were destroyed in the fire of 1887. comparison proves that the subsoil water facilities are not yet fully util The new system is intended to give an innpetus to well irrigation, which is fitable in dry-crop though more essential for the safety of the rice crop, in inter alia it makes the rayat independent of the early rain. The total y . of the subsoil water increment amounts to Rs. 23,773 or 14 percent. on the revenue which will be demanded if my proposals are accepted. Of this value on dry-crop plus new rice amounts to Rs. 18,260 as compared wit\} direct well charges under the defunct bagayat kasar system of Rs. : One natural result will follow from the non-appreciation of a factor i valuation which was neglected at the old survey, that a disturbance in distribution of the demand must be caused. A like disturbance ${ }^{\circ}$ also from the elimination of direct well assessments.
10. I have next to deal with an important subject in settlement the relative valuation of soil and water in assessing rice land. Though Mr. Atkins' description (paragraph 15) is admittedly exaggerated, it is hard to ascertain on what basis the old Settlement officers worked. Certainly their action was nott
uniform. In Mattar (Report of 1862, paragraph 34) Captain Prescott uniform. In Mátar (Report of 1862, paragraph 34) Captain Prescott said:"The maximum rice water rates I propose (calculated at 16 annas) vary accord"ing to the position of the rice beds of each village with reference to the supply
of water." In his Mahudha report (paragraph 20) the same officer said as regards the water rates that they "vary in different villages according to the maximum soil rate." Two systems are thus disclosed. The Mahudha system, as I think, is a fairly correct one, but the Mátar system was manifestly incorrect. Mr. Rogers in Jetalpur fixed the water maximum on another system. He took into account-
(1) nearness to rice market;
(2) climate as regards rice cultivation;
(3) physical characteristics favouring rice.
[Vide page 138-5, Selection CCXIV).
Rice land is classed for soil and water. For soil up to 8 annas, and for water up to 16 annas, though by "chads" or "advantages," e. $g$. the subsoil water advantage, the soil annas can be raised above 8 annas, and when the water-supply from a tank is good enough to irrigate a crop after rice, an addition to the water annas of as much as 8 annas is allowed. Of the normal water, annas 8 are allotted to "akasia" or rainfall water, or the supply which is obtained by drainage from higher lands, and 8 annas to tank supply. The normal annas for soil are doubled before the maximum soil rate is applied. This peculiar rule of classing only up to 8 annas and then doubling the valuation, while it makes the soil factor as important as the water factor in clqssification, was intended to give.effect to the acknowledged absence of need of too great differentiation in soil valuation in rice land. It had the effect too of ensuring greater attention to the water factor. In rain crop (akasia) rice, i.e. rice dependent solely on rainfall, the maximum water classification was 8 annas. In akasia rice land then the soil takes $\frac{9}{3}$ the whole assessment and the water $\frac{1}{3}$ if the soil and water maxima are equal. It was at the time of the Dholka settlement that these two maxima were separated. Mr. Rogers may be allowed to explain this in his own words, page 41 of "The Land Revenue of Bombay," Vol. 1 :-" Another difficulty arose in the assessment of the greater portion of the rice lands. These generally had no source of water-supply but that derived from the particular tanks under which they were situated, and, when that supply failed from deficiency of rain, lay altogether waste and unprofitable, there being no means by which the cultivators could recoup themselves for their loss. This led to the system of permanent assessment on such lands, practicable ịn the Konkan and elsewhere, being abandoned, and separate water and soil assessments being fixed on rice cultivation, the former under certain rules not being leviable when the water-supply failed."

In the Konkan the rainfall is certain and very heavg. All the rice is rain rice. The classification allots 8 annas for soil and 8 for water, and there being no separate soil and water maximum, the value in assessment of the soil and water factor is equal.

It is difficult to compare the Deccan practice for several reasons, but it may be generally stated that the heavier the rainfall the nearer the water factor approximates the soil factor in valuation.
11. Mr , Rogers in Dholka and in Jetalpur put a đifferent maximum for, soil and water with the specific object of making it easy to remit the water eharge in any year in which the rice crop failed. His water rate was. higher than he would have fixed if the special stipulation for remission had not been an essential in his settlement. As a fact, it was very high as compared with the soil rate. In Jetalpur the soil maxima varied from Rs. 2 to Rs. 2-12, but the water maxima from Rs, 4 to 10, the latter rate boing applied to villages with the certain irrigation from the Khári river. Dndoubtedly if he had intended the water charges to be levied irrespectively of season, the relative pitch of the water maximum would have been nearer to that of soil.

I have failed however to ascertain on what basis Mr. Rogers so greatly. altered the relative valuation. His precedent was not followed by Captain Prescott. in Mátar and Mahudha. But both officers were very largely influenced by the. pitch of former charges on rice land.
12. In revision settlements I think the principle which has been so far, followed may be said to hare been to confirm what was done by the formen
generation of Settlement officers. And the reason I believe is that it was difficult to ascertain the system on which those officers worked. It seemed more politio then to give them the credit of having dealt rightly. They had more time in those days of leisurely settlement than falls to the lot of Settlement officers now. In his Sánand Report (para. 51) Mr. Fernandoz does discuss the subject. With theenlarged experience I have since had, I cannot accept the principle therein enunciated. I am satisfied that there is no necessity whatever to vary the standard with the variations in different villages as to the tank supply. This was Captain Prescott's Mátar plan. One absolute and fatal objection to it is that it presupposes that all the rice land is tank irrigated, and to follow it would be to deal very unfairly towards the area of akasia rice. In the Mátar revision, howéyer, the very irregular and inexplicable rating attracted serious attention, Mr. Fernapdea went some way in the direction of simplification, but still was not guided by any set principle. Mr. Atkins rightly shows the fallacy of Mr. Fernapdez's reasons for leaving the Mehmadabad water maxima untouched. That they must be rectified on some principle is also evident from the proof that three different systems were applied in the taluka,
12. The point for decision is what system is to be followed. The analogy with the Konkan system is helpful, and so the reasons why the separation of soil and water rates was adopted by Mr. Rogers and followed in Gujarát since that time. This is my excuse for referencẹs to other systems than that of Gujarat. A perusal of paras, 63 and 64 of the Joint Report is also desirable to show how difficult the question even then appeared. One of the authors of the Joint Report (Mr. Wingate) in dealing, as Revenue Commissioner, with Dholka, said :- In addition to the dry-crop assessment there should, in the case of rice land, be imposed an irrigation cess of fixed amount for each field to be levied in the years in which any portion is cultivated with rice." This remark, made. writh reference to Dholka, was made in the knowledge that that táluka suffers frequently from absence of rain when necessary for rice, which is not the case in Kaira.
14. To fix a workable system, the question should be considered with reference to rain rice only. It will then equally apply to rice with other facility for irrigation. In the Konkan the valuation of water and soil are equal A very small portion of Gujarát has a similar rạinfall, and if, as I believe, for the Konkan the Konkan proportion is right, cases can rarely occur in Gujarat in which the water rate there should be double that for soil. (I have already said that in classification the highest valuation for rain water is 8 annas, so that where the water rate is twice the soil rate, the water and soil are equally valued.) The very circumstances which led to the allotment in classification of 16 annas to soil and 8 to rain water seem to show that in Gujarat as a rule soil should have twice the value of water, for this allotment was of earlier date than the separation of soil and water rates. I think then that the water and soil rates should be fixed relatively, that in tracts where the rainfall is scant and uncertain, the water maximum should not exceed half the soil maximum, that in tracts like the major part of Kaira, where the rainfall is fairly sure, but where drycrops predominate largely, the water rate should still be less than the soil rate, They may be equal or nearly so in tracts where rice is a very successful crop even without irrigation. In Surat where the climate is in parts very moist and where the rainfall is very heavy, the water rate may be higher than the soil rate.
15. On the principles here suggested as a guide the rice water rates sanctioned for the Mátar Táluka are in right proportion to the soil rates. In the Bhal tracts where rice is most succeessful and the climate most suitable for ricef the water rate Rs. 3 is nearly as high as the soil rate Rs. $3-12$, while in the Charotar the difference between the two rates (soil Rs. 5 and water Rs. 3) is consistent with the smaller rainfall and the greater suitability of the climate for dry-crop cultivation. The matter demands further study. which will be essential when the Surat revisions are under consideration.
16. As regards the grouping proposed by Mr. Fernanden, I am decidedly of Mr . Atkins' opinion that there was no necessity to make the map grouping so different from the real grouping according to the maximum rates. Mr. Atkins would allow the first group to remain unaltered. One village (Areri), however ${ }_{\text {a }}$
has been included in it, which belonged to Captain Prescott's lower group. By position it should undoubtedly belong to the higher group; still as no reason has been otherwise indicated for treating it exceptionally, I have included it in the old group on the principle that the old grouping should not be disturbed without strong reason. I have some hesitation as regards the small group of villages between the Khara and the Shedhi. They are cut off from Nadiád, the market of southern Mehmadabad, and the Khara lies between them and the Mehmadabad station. Of the 5 villages Captain Prescott rated three very low, but two were placed on an equality with the villages near Mehmadabad. I include them all therefore in Group I, recommending a slight reduction in the soil maximum in 3, on the understanding that, after the precedent of Rasikpur in Mátar, these shall at the next revision be brought up to the level of the rest of the group. As to Group 1I., I think that Mr. Fernandez's map grouping is not right, for I do not think that the river obstructions in the case of some of these villages, grouped together by Captain Prescott, should more than counterbalance the distance from the rail in the case of others. I agree with Mr. Atkins that the real and the map grouping should follow the old settlement, but besides Modaj which Mr. Atkins would relegate to a lower group I would add Amsarvan. Both these villages were rated below the villages now under consideration, and are further from the rail and markets than the rest of the second group.

Modaj and Amsarvan may then be placed in a third group, which should inchude the old Jetalpur villages, except Rohisa and Jhinjhar. There is not a great difference between these two villages and Modaj and Amsarvan, but they are certainly worse off in position than the rest of the old Jetalpur group, and adjoin Daskroi villages rated at Rs. 3-4. They may then with the rest of the villages form a fourth group, which shall include all the "exceptional "villages. There will as I shall show be no necessity to treat any of these exceptionally except Hathnoli, lying in the midst of foreign territory. Hathnoli was very leniently treated at Captain Prescott's settlement. It may have a somewhat liberal treatment now during the currency of the new lease.
17. I have rated these groups as follows :-


But in Group I. I have, according to the recommendation made above, put a slightly reduced soil. rate on 3 villages and a similarly special rate on Hathnoli of Group IV. As to water rates, the position of the villages requires further consideration. The best rice tract is that west of the Mesvo. That fact is recognized in the old rating. Irrespective of group therefore I have proposed a rate of hs. 3 for villages west of the Mesvo. Hathnoli will require a special water rate to fit in with its special soil rate.

The result of this rating will be an enhancement of 26 per cent. on the old demand. I have rated the first group according to the Mátar decision, beginning at a slightly lower figure on account of the greater distance from the market Nadiád. Neither Kaira nor Mehmadabad are important markets. The rating of the lower groups tallies with that already sanctioned for Daskroi villages adjoining.

I am further of opinion that the enhancement is just and reasonable. It includes a considerable increment due specially from the old Jetalpur villages, though that increment is reduced by the treatment I advocate as regards water rates. Mr. Rogers' rates were excessive. None of the villages get Khari irrigation by flow. Again, it includes the increment due to levelling up of the rates, where they were unduly low on account of a Koli or Musalmán population or other not specified reason, though at the same time this has been tempered with consideration where consideration appears due.

The net revised demand will be an increase of Rs. 47,292 on the old, as compared with the enhancement of Rs. 60,397, which is the estimated enhancement according to Mr. Fernandez's proposals.

The increase is slightly larger than that thought justifiable by the Collector, but is moderate and justified in my opinion. Though I have I think proved that prices were not the sole or even the chief basis of the old settlement, if prices are compared, it would be more reasonable to compare the present averages as given by Mr. Atkins with the prices of the 5 years preceding the Mátar and Mahudha settlements. This comparison shows a rise in rice of nearly 30 per cent. and in bajri of 43 per cent. I do not press this comparison for reasons already fully stated.

In 3 villages of Group 1II. the enhancement is large (Nos. 46-48). They are old Jetalpur villages in which the existing soil rate is unduly low. In two the water rate has been decreased. In these the net enhancement is due chiefly to the very large increase in new rice, and to the dhekudiat and bháta assessments. In the third the area of rice is small, and consequently the rise in the soil rate has had especial effect. But Raska is well situated, and I am not of opinion that any special rate can be justified. In Group IV. the soil rate of No. 51 is slightly lowered. However, the village cannot be put in a higher group unless its neighbours are also transferred. No. 53 Rohisa and No. 56 Jhinghar show a somewhat high increase. They formerly belonged to Jetalpur. No. 57 HathnoIi has already been discussed. I think tbat the proposed rating may stand, for the Igatpuri concession will temper the suddenness of the increases.
18. I have still to notice a few points in the Deputy Superintendent's report.

The explanation in paragraph 5 is irrelevant. The percentage differences are in survey numbers, and rough measurement of sub-divisions does not explain them. After reference Mr. Fernandez reports that the old work as far as tested at revision was found good. The percentage differences are deceptive. The size of survey numbers is very small, and a very insignificant differenoe appears large, when shown in the form of a percentage.
19. The table in paragraph 7 may better be shown thus :-


This shows that the alienated area of cultivable land is 38 per cent. of the total
cultivable area.
There is now na land in Gujarat which is oalled garden. In the old garden area, the then area of dhekudiat and bhattha was included; but what that area was, there is not now a means of ascertaining. The dry crop area is decreased by that portion which has since been made rice, but inoreased by the large area which, being then assessed for direct well assistance under the bágayat kasar, was formerly olassed under the head of 'garden'. The irrigated area for 1892.93, has been returned at 4,247 acres, made up of well irrigated dry crop, and that portion of dhekudiat and bhátha, which was actually irrigated from dhekudis in the year. It, on the other hand, clearly excludes the area of tank-irrigated rioe. in $1892-93$ rice accupied about 20 per ceat. of the total cultivated area,
20. I attach an amowded A much was "akasia" or rain crop rice. tion which I have thought necessary or desirable shows in detail the modificaproposals.

I would call attention to Appendix D. which is shown in the new form which has been made up from the district compilations for the Imperial Census of 1891. It is a matter of regret that Appendix E. cannot, from available infor: mation, show the chief Hindu castes and the population belonging to each. At all events the table indicates that the Musalmán population is small, but it must not be supposed that all these are unskilful and unthrifty cultivators.
21. I append the petitions of objections received in original with a précis in English. They are not numerous; but though I have during my study of this settlement frequently referred to them, I have not been assisted in any degree. They do not disclose any intelligent criticism of Mr. Fernandez's proposals. They disclose a claim from the Koli (Dhárala) and Musalmán villages for continuance of "caste bighoti," and show appreciation of the reductions in assessments recently granted by His Highness the Gáekwár in adjoining tracts.
22. The correspondence regarding the old Mahudha settlement has been printed as an appendix to the Nadiád settlement report about to be submitted. A copy of the proof is appended for reference.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient Servant,
> E. C. OZANNE,
> Survey Commissioner, and Director
> Land Records and Agriculture.

Through the Commissioner, N. D.

Referred to in paragraph 20 of the Survey Commissioner and Director,


DIX $Q$.
Land Records and Agriculture＇s Report No．$\overline{400}$ ，dated 19th February 1894

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No. 883 of 1894.

## Revenue Department. <br> Camp Bulsár, 10th March 1894.

The undersigned has the honour to forward the following remarks on the settlement report of táluka Mehmadabad, zilla Kaira.
2. It will be seen that there has been a considerable delay in the office of the Survey and Settlement Commissioner, but this was justified by his waiting till the orders of Governmènt were issued on the Mátar settlement.
3. Mr. Atkins, who was at the time in charge of the Kaira Collectorate, has reyiewed the Deputy Superintendent's report at some length, and has raised some important objections to his proposals. These are summarised in the 2nd paragraph of Mr. Ozanne's letter.

One of the most important points is Mr. Atkins' assertion that Captain Prescott, in framing his proposals for Mátar, had, at any rate to a considerable extent, allowed for the "jump" in prices owing to the American war. His conclusion is stated in paragraph 7 that "Captain Prescott framed his rates somewhat lower than those justified by the prices of the year 1862, but that his rates were expected both by himself and the Collector to be found heary, and were prevented from being, so found by the extremely high prices of 1863, the first year of the settlement," and therefore "that though the rates were framed on prices somewhat lower than those of 1862, they were established to some extent on the basis of the high prices of 1863." He gives figures to show that the average prices of 1885-92, compared with those of 1862, show for bajri and cleaned rice a rise of only 21 and $13 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. and that for the Mahudha villages, which were settled later, the rise is even less.
5. This point has been very clearly dealt with by $\mathbf{M r}$. Ozanne, $\mathrm{He}_{\mathrm{e}}$ does not impugn the accuracy of the rates preferred for comparison by Mr . Atkins, nor apparently the rate of increase in prices taken by him; but he gives very good reasons for assuming that the 1862 prices were only one of several factors in the fixing of the rates, and there is little doubt that he is right.
6. As to dhekudiat, the amount is very insignificant, and the decision to be passed in Mátar, paragraph 7 of Government Resolution No. 1082, dated 10th February 1894, will govern it.
7. A very marked feature in the Settlement will be the effect of the subsoil water rates which will proportionately reduce the assessment on the higher taxed fields and raise that on the lower, but this has already been the result elsewhere and was to be expected.
8. Mr. Atkins after a sharp criticism of the survey system of fixing maximum water rates recommends an equalization of rates through the táluka, and proposes a general water maximum of Rs. 3 per acre (or for the reasons which he has urged for cutting down the Deputy Superintendent's assessment throughout
of Rs. 2-12 per acre.) of Rs. 2-12 per acre.)
9. Mr. Ozanne has in his paragraphs 10 to 15 discussed the subject and referred to the "irregular and inexplicable rating" in Mátar. He is evidently an advocate for partial equalization, but the figures given in column 4 of his amended Appendix Q. show still considerable variety:-


It is a pity that some explanation has not been given. The five villages with a high water rate in Group III. are easily accounted for as they are in the
north-western corner on the Khári River, and there are probably good reasons for the others also. But it is difficult to understand the object of keeping up so much variation.
10. The changes in the grouping of the villages in the amended Appendix $Q$ are a decided improvement on Mr. Ferifandez's original proposals, and the Commissioner concurg with the reasons for alteration given in Mr. Ozanne's paras. 16 and 17. It will be seen that to some extent they agree with Mr. Atkins' suggestions. The great simplification of maximum dry crop rates shown in Appendix $Q$ and summarised in para. 17 is a decided advantage.
11. The question arises whether or not the enhancement of 26 per cent is justified. Mr. Ozanne has reduced the increase by 10 per cent from the 36 in the original Appendix Q.
12. There is something to be said both ways. The rise in prices though marked and, we may say, established, is not a very great one, and we have a rather curious fact brought out by Mr. Atkins and Mr. Fernandez's paragraph 43, that the táluka, though small and compact, requires a large number of notices; the crops grown are, as a rule, not of the more valuable kinds, and except in the case of wells there has been little or no marked increase in the ordinary items of agricultural wealth, nor any material rise in the price of labour.
13. On the other hand, the rainfall is to be relied on; wells have increased $33 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent ; much land, 5,260 acres of dry crop, has been turned into rice crop ; the taluka enjoys good Railway and fair road facilities, and the access to markets is good: the climate is much better than Mátar and the subletting value of land is decidedly high.

On the whole Mr. Ozanne's increase does not seem too high especially when it is remembered that several of the villages showing the highest percentage increase belonged to the under-assessed Jetalpur Taluka. The percentage increase on 5 of the 7 is:-

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_.- The Commissioner would have preferred to have had the increase a little lower, say 5 per cent or 21 per cent increase, but he is not prepared to find any cerious fault with Mr. Ozanne's proposals.
15. The Commissioner agrees with Mr. Ozanne that there is nothing in the pbjections raised by the villages that calls for special notice.
G. B. REID,

Commissioner, N. D.

> No. 4696 of 1894.
> Revenue Depabtment.
> Bombay Castle, 30th May 1894.

To
The SURDEY COMMISSIONER AND DIRECTOR,
LAND RECORDS AND AGRICULTURE.
Sir,
With reference to your letter No. S-400, dated 19th February 1894, submitting proposals for the revision settlement of the Mehmadabad Táluka in the Kaira District, I am directed to inform you that Government have decided that the subsoil water annas should be halved in calculating the assessment for the purposes of the present settlement, and that the water maxima should be increased by 4 annas, except in Hatnoli (No. 57 in Appendix Q, to the letter). It appears to His Excellency the Governor in Council that the general effect of в $370-12$
these changes will be to reduce the total increase to about 21 per cent and that the inequalities of the increase in particular villages will be found to be reduced in most cases, when the assessment modified as directed above comes to be worked out in detail.
2. The village of Areri (Noz 21 in the Appendix) should be raised to Group I. and that of Raská (No. 48) should be reduced to Group IV.
3. I am directed to authorize you to proceed with the settlement on the lines stated abore, and to request that you will be good enough to report, as soon as possible, the corrections to be made in Appendix Q.

I have \&c.,<br>W. L. HARVEY, Under Secretary to Government.

No. S-1536 or 1894.
Poona, 25th June 1894.
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## The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, Kevenue Department,

Sir,
As directed in Government letter No. 4696, dated 30th May 1894, I have the honour to submit Appendix $Q$ amended according to the instructions contained in the Government letter. It will be seen that the enhancement works out to $20 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent, which is the figure desired by Government, as the figure of enhancement on the taluka as a whole.
2. Mr. Fernandez's Appendix Q. requires explanation. In column 21 and corresponding columns for new rice and old rice he has shown the assessment at precisely the same figure as that given in amended Appendix Q. submitted with my letter No. 400, dated 19th February 1894, save that the figures for rice are slightly modified by the addition to the water rate ordered by Government. This entry by Mr. Fernandez of the assessment is misleading. The assessment must be found by deducting the second figure in column 21 and corresponding columns from the first figure in that column. Thus in the village of Kaira the assessment on dry crop is shown at 8,388 and the half deduction on account of subsoil water at 516 . The assessment to be levied is 8,388 minus 516 , that is 7,872. The result thus interpreted is correct, but I think that this explanation was necessary to make the figures intelligible.

I have instructed Mr. Fernandez to introduce the rates at once without further orders from Government, the dhekudiat assessment being declared provisionally pending orders of Government.

> I have \&c.,
E. C. OZANNE,

Survey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agriculture.

AMENDED APPENDIX $Q$.

Referred ta in para. 1 of the Survey Commissioner and Director Land

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Revenue Survey and Assessment: Revision Survey of the Mehmadabad Talu ka of the Kaira District.

No. 5928.

# Revende Department. 

Bombay Castle, 12th July 1894.

Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 883, dated 10th March 1894-
Letter from the Deputy Superintendent, Gajarat Revenue Survey, Submitting, with his reNo. 489, dated 5th Jaly 1893 .
Letter from the Collector of Kaira, No. 3024, dated 28th September 1898,
Letter from the Collector of Kaira, No. 3146, dated gth October 1893, and the secompanying petitions of objections from various vullages in the Mehmadabad Táloka.
Letter from the Sarvey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agricultare, No. 400, dated 19th February 1894.
marks, the papers noted in the margin, containing proposals for the revision settlement of the Mehmadabad I'aluka of the Kaira Collectorate.

Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 925, dated 12th March 1894-Sub witting, in continuation of his office No. 883, dated 10 th -idem, one No. s.-577, dated Ist idem, from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture.
Letter from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, No. s.-1536, dated 25th June 1894.

Resocution.-These papers contain proposals for the revision settlement of the Mehmadabad Táluka of Kaira. The táluka was formed in 1867 of 33 villages from Mátar, 17 from Mahudha, and 7 from Jetalpur. The last-mentioned villages were settled in 1858-59, and the others in 1862-63. The Survey operations were carried on on the same lines as in Mátar; the old measurement was accepted and brought up to date, and the classification was carried out, where possible, on the partial system. The water classification was, however, done over again.
2. The history of the taluka during the current lease, as judged from the revenue returns, has been on the whole satisfactory, though a considerable number of notices have had to be issued as is usual when many of the cultiimme belong to backward classes. The area under cultivation increased produately on the introduction of the settlement owing to the demand for tained consequent on the American war, hyt the figure has beerfoll numom very $s m_{11}^{p}$ to the present time. The armount of renissions granted has beed that the 1 . The statistics given ipat paragraph 19 of the report do not show increased turial wealth of thee táluka as represented by agricultural stock has value of land, as shown by the except in the case of cows and buffaloes. The question of communications does figures of sales and mortgages, is high: The made roads are that between Kaira and affect the settlement much, as the only the north-west corner of the táluka to Menmadabad, and that passing through be taken as improvements, though Mr Báreja Station. They must, however, that as the rice is not taken to market but sins urges, in his paragraph 19, must be looked on as on an equal footinut sold in the villages, all the villages the purchasers have to take the rice away. He has overloosed the fact that measure depend on the facilities for away, and that the price must in some operation be carried out by the buyer or seller the grain, whether the latter 3. Mr. Fernandez proposes to and accessibility to markets being have four groups, proxinity to the railway is in some respects unsuitable as he finds chief factors. His grouping, however, 1st, three in the 3rd and four in the 4th group-ary to have three rates in the Which it is impossible to admit. Following -a perpetuation of inequalities 16 Mr. Ozanne has corrected several mistakes and propase general principles of Mr. Fernandez's Group Mr. Fernandez's Group I; for take for Group I, 7 villages of Mr. Fernoup I, 12 of Group II and 12 of Group III, in Mr. Fernandez's Group IV's Group III; and for Group IV III; tor Group III, Governor in Council is pup IV and adds 5 out of Group III he takes the 4 villages with the exception that the vill to accept the grouping proposed by Mr. Oncy the of haska should be reduced to Group IV.
4. The rates proposed by Mr. Fernandez work out to an enhancement of 33 per cent. on the whole táluka. Mr. Atkins objects to this generally on the ground that prices have not risen sufficiently to justify the increase proposed. He shows that Mr. Feriandez's statements as to prices are wrong, and that the real rise from the first year of the lease up to the present time is only about 21 per cent. on bájri and $13 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on rice. Mr. Ozanne . points out.that prices cannot be taken as the ouly guide, and that they were only one out of many factors at the original settlement. He points to the great development of the country, and proposes an increase of about 26 per cent. Mr. Reid, while accepting the 26 per cent., remarks that he would have preferred an increase of about 21 per cent. only. His Excellency the Governor i. Souncil is of opinion that a general increase of 26 per cent. is higher than the circumstances of the taluka warrant, and that too large a proportion of that increase is thrown upon the ry crop and new rice, as compared with the old rice lands. It is true that the price of rice has only advanced by 13 per cent., while that of bájri has adranced 21 per cent.; but whereas the increase in the assessment of dry crop lands is over 30 per cent. in every group, that on rice-lands is only about 10 per cent. in Group I, about 5 per cent. in Group II, and about 12 per cent. in Group IV, while in Group III, chiefly composed of old Jetalpur villages, where the old water-rate was high, there is an absolute decrease. Government consider that the best way of remedying both these defects will be-
(1) to halve the subsoil water annas in calculating the assessment for the purposes of the present settlement, which, without altering the nominal rates, will reduce the soil assessment, and
(2) to increase the water maxifma by 4 annas all round, except in Hatnoli, Group IV, where there is a considerable area of rice, and where the assessment is too high already.
Mr. Atkins appears to be right in his contention that the general pitch of the oil assessment has been increased by the subsoil' water classification to a much ;reater extent than was contemplated, and there is reason to believe that the cale may have been rather too freely applied. On the other hand, the water naxima even with the proposed addition will still be well Below the correspondng dry crop rates and conform sufficiently with the principle Baid down in nara41 of Mr. Ozanne's report No. s.- 400 of 19 th February 189
fill be seen from the amended Statement $Q$ submitted by Mr. Fernandez general effect of these changes is to reduce the total assessment by s. 11,900, of which about Rs. 1,200 will be re-imposed on the rice land. reduction in the total assessment will be about Rs. 10,700 , and the perincrease will be reduced to about 204 per cent. The inequalities of the in particular villages have also been reduced in most cases.
In Government Resolution No. 5870, dated 10th July 1894, orders en passed on the Dhekudiat question, which was raised in the Matar ent Report. Those orders will govern the âssessment of Dhekudiat lands madabad.
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The recommendations as to trees and blatha lands are accepted.
In the fonegoing orders, such effect as appears to be called for has been s of objections which have been received. The settlement as introduced in the current year and guaranteed for 30 years.

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## SELECTIONS FROM THE REilativg to the revision SurGOVERNITAD táluka of the kaira


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## No. 100 or 1894.

From

To

# T. R. FERNANDEZ, EsQdibe, Deputy Superintendent, Gujarát Revenue Survey; <br> The COLLEOTOR of KAIRA. 

Camp Vadhvania, Táluka Bárdviti, 17th April 1894.

## Sir,

I have the honour to submit for the sanction of Government my proposals, for the tequision settlement of táluka Nadiád of your district.
2. The taluka was settled according to sarvey principles in 1865-66, and although 30 years have not yet expired, according to paragraph 14 of Government Besolution No. 3586, dated 24th September 1868, the lease fell in in 1891-92.
' 3. The settlement of Nadiád was made by Captain Prescott (lately deceased). But at present the composition of the Taluka is radically different from what it then was. At the original settlement its length lay from north-west to south-east, the latter boundary resting on the near bank of the Mahi ; but now the length runs from north-east to south-west. This alteration in its shape and composition was effected in 1867, or two years after the introduction of the survey.
4. At this settlement it contained 88 villages, of which 73 were Government and the rest inami. Its present constitution is as follows:-

| Government villages orginally belonging to the táluka... |  |  | $\cdots$ | 38 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Do. transferred from the late Mahudha Taluka |  |  |  | 51 |
| Do. do. from the Mátar Táluka ... <br> Inámi village of Utarsanda since lapsed to Government |  |  | ... | 3 |
|  |  |  | ... | 1 |
|  |  |  |  | 93 |
| Deduct- |  |  |  |  |
| Village since become inami... | ** | *** | $\ldots$ | 1 |
|  |  |  |  | 92 |

Besides these 92 Government villages there are seven inámi villages, 3 out of which have been surveyed at the request of their holders.
5. No tests were taken of the original survey, and the revision was confined to the breaking up of rice survey numbers containing more than one recognised sub-holding; also some jiráyat survey numbers of the same nature; the measuring of survey numbers intersected by roads and drainage channels made since the last settlement; and the measuring of all plots of new rice.
6. The revision classification was also done on the partial system. The whole of the original work, of which the classification values could be worked out, was accepted as correct.
7. The subjoined statement shows the increase in the number of fields caused by the revision survey, as also the percentage difference in area between the original and the new survey numbers:-


в 21.9—1
8. In the follnwing statement the areas of the original and revision surveys are compared:-

| By Original Survey | Totar. | Enarable Waste. | Remaining arable. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. |
|  | 137,061 | 14,846 | 122,215 |
| By Revision Suprey | 137,014 | 14,875 | 122,139 |
| Increase | ... | 29 | ... |
| Decrease | 47 | $\cdots$ | 76 |

9. The above figures are given below in greater details:-

| Description of Land: | By Former Surver. |  |  |  | By Rifision Survey. |  |  |  | Rrmarkef |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Government |  | AFienated. | Total, | Government. |  | Alienated. | Total. |  |
|  | Occupied. | Unoccu= pied. |  |  | Occupied. | Unoccu= pred. |  |  |  |
|  | Acres. | Acres. | Acres - | Rcres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. |  |
| Dry-crop ... | 39,112 | 987 | 51,203 | 91,302 | 39,634 | 1,000 | 58,547 | 99,181 |  |
| Rice .... ... | 6,915 | 43 | 8,148 | 15,106 | 3,957 6,777 | ${ }^{-7} 40$ | 4,101 8,083 | 8,058 14,900 | New rice. old rice. |
| Garden .... | 4,435 | $\xrightarrow{1}$ | 12,371 | 15,807 | ... |  |  |  | / |
| Unculturable .. | .-. | 14,576 | 270 | I4, $84{ }^{\circ}$ | . | 14,605 | 270 | 14,875 | , |
| Total . . | 50,462 | - 15,607 | 70,992 | 137,061 | 50,368 | 15,645 | 71,001 | 137,014 |  |

10. The garden area of the original survey is now merged in either drycrop or rice areas. It will be seen that the area of new rice, both Government and alienated; is as much as $8,058^{\circ}$ acres. This datum must be kept in view whew the amount of the revised revenue comes to be considered.
11. The táluka of Nadiád is situatedbetween the north Iatitudes of $21^{\circ} 3 b^{\prime \prime}$ and $22^{\circ} 54^{\prime}$ and the east longitudes of $72^{\circ} 48^{\prime}$ and $73^{\circ} 77^{\prime}$. It is bounded on the north by the táluka of Kapadvanj; on the south by the Gáekwár's territory; on the east by tálukas A'nand and Thásra; and on the west by tálukas Mehmadabad and Mátar, and the Gáekwár's territory. Its area is 214 square miles, and as its population is 161,548 , the density to the square mile is 755 . 'Or in other words each person has only 0.85 of an acre of good and bad land to subsist on throughout the year: In 1872, according to the Gazetteer, the density was 679 , which shows that, notwithstanding all drawbacks, the pressure has, in 29 years, increased by 76 per square mile. This additional pressure is to be regretted, for it is chiefly, if not wholly, due to the increase of the inferior classes of the peasantry, such as Kolis, Rajputs, \&cc. I anr sorty I have not the necessary statistics to prove that the Kunbis and Pátidárs have, as a class, been stationary, if not actually retrograding in numbers, all these years. / But enquire in any of the plebeian Kunbi villages, and the answer invariably is that, from one-fourth to one-half of the men are unmarried; and this in a caste in which child marriage is the rule! Until Mr. Sheppard, late Commissioner, N. D., induced Government to pass rules reducing the cost of marriages among them, the Kunbi fathers of the plebeian villages, one and all, aspired to give their daughters in marriage into one of the 12 or 13 aristocratic villages. The consequence of so much competition was that, a girl had to be weighted with Rs. 5,000 or 6,000 or even more, before an aristocratic father would accept her for his son's wife. This had the double consequence of impoverishing the foolish plebeian Kunbis and of making it impossible for their sons to get wives. Mr. Sheppard's rules, with their penal clauses, have only done some little good; for, while they are openly observed, they are mostly secretly evaded.
12. Within the last 5 or 6 years, however, the plebeians have come to appreciate, to some extent, the danger of extinction to which this pernicious system has been exposing them. Men of light and leading have sprung up among them who have succeeded in combining their castemen of 20 or 30 neighbouring villages to uphold one common object-that of not giving their daughters in marriage to any village outside their own respective combinations, under a penalty of Rs. 500 . This object is most praiseworthy and would attain its end in time ; but that it is marred by one grave palpable fault, which must counteract the good it can effect to a large extent. This defect is that, all the villages of a combination do not stand on a footing of equality, for, the poorer villages may give their daughters in marriage to their richer neighbours, but they must not look for wives from them, the honour being too great for them! Thus the measures by which the aristocratic principle was meant to be put down are tainted with the very evil which they were meant to cure. Can nothing be done to remove the bane which is holding within its iron grip the finest class of our peasantry ?
13. For a description of the taluka, its soil and rivers, I would refer you to paragraphs 5, 6 and 11 of Captain Prescott's report No. 418, dated 25th November 1865, which accompanies this. I have nothing to add to it, except that the parts diversified by undulations are now in Taluka A'nand.
14. The subjoined statement of rain-fall is an abstract of Appendix A:-

| - | Year. |  | Rainy days. | Amount of Rain-fall. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | In. |  |
| 1886... | ... - | $\cdots$ | 49 | 42 | 72 |
| 1887... | . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ... | 52 | 47 | 27 |
| 1888... | ... | ... | 24 | 20 | 25 |
| 1889... | ... | .. | 45 | 37 | 79 |
| 1890... | - 0 | ... | 45 | 31 | 96 |
| 1891... | $\ldots$ |  | 28 | 26 | 52 |
| 1892... | ... | ... | 53 | 59 | 08 |
| 1893... | * | ... | 53 | 52 | 41 |
|  |  | rag | 44 | 39 | 75 |

15. In 1888 therain failed in June and July. The kharif crops consequently suffered, but the rabi was fair. The features of the year 1891 were exactly the opposite. In the other six years the rain was on the whole seasonable and abundant.
16. The extent to which the various kinds of crops are grown is shown in Appendix B. In the subjoined table I give, in a summary form, the proportion which the area covered by each kind of crop bears to the whole of the occupied area:-

| Cereals. |  |  |  | Percentage of Area under each Crop |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jowari (Sundhia) | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 9.29 |
| Bairi ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $32 \cdot 66$ |
| Paddy ... | ... | . | ... | $11 \cdot 40$ |
| Wheat ... | ... | ... | ... | 108 |
| Coarse grains ... | ... | ... | ... | 23.05 0.65 |
| Others | ... | ... | ... | 0.65 |
| Total ... 78.13 |  |  |  |  |
| Pulses. |  |  |  |  |
| Tur ... ... | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | 3.20 0.98 |
| Gram $\quad .$. | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 0.98 0.45 |
| Mug and udid ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | $0 \cdot 45$ $3 \cdot 40$ |
| Math and kulith... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 1.33 |
| Others ... | ... | ... | ... |  |
|  |  |  | ... | $9 \cdot 36$ |


17. From the above table of proportions it will be perceived that, about four-fifths of the cultivated area produces cereals, Bajri takes the lead among them, followed by coarse graíns such as kodra, bávto or banti (23.05). Rice ha: a percentage of 11.40 and wheat only 1.08 . The sundhia jowar is chiefly fo fodder. Bajri and kodra are the chief jiráyat crops. In the bigher levels undisturbed by storm floods, the former is mixed with mag, math, divela ani vál, and the latter with tuer and tal. But, when the land is exposed to fooding bajri and kodra are grown alone, and, if possible, in alternate years. The mos important crop, however, and that which has a bright future, is tobacco. I 1876-77, according to the Gazetteer, the area under tobacco was 3,618 acres; i 1886-87, according to the Statistical Atlas, 8,879 acres; and in 1891-92, 7,90\% The opening of the Bhávnagar-Gondal and the Rajputána Railways took plac in the interval between 1876 and 1886. These lines gave a great impetus to tt tobacco crop; for the Nadiád weed, which is smoked dry, or taken as snuf suited the people of Káthiáwár and Rájputána. The fall in area in 1891-92 easily accounted for by the fact that in the first years of the impetus, tobacc growing was over-done. The greatest extension due to this cause must have bet attained in 1885-86, when, as will be seen by a reference to Appendix I the price went down to 20 lbs. per rupee, which was the lowest level reached the whole period of 37 years for which prices are quoted. The bright future allude to is to be looked for in the construction of the line to Ratlám, on $t$. Ajmere-Indore Railway, which will create a fresh demand for the Nadiád tobacs
since it already finds its way into Meyvad, although the roads are not good and the time a cart takes on the journey amounts to a month and more. The follow. ing statistics regarding the gross profit of tobacco cultivation are collected from the Crop Experiment reports:-

| Year, | Nsme of Village. | Local Estimate Annas. | Yield in Lbs。 | Value, | Survey Assessment. | Percentage of Assessment ou Value of gros produces, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Rus, a. p. | Rs. 8. p. |  |
| 1884-85 | Dabhan ... | Average. | $1,435$ | 14366 | 566 | $3 \cdot 77$ |
| 1885-86 | Nadiád | 12 | Cared,920 | 20560 | 1056 | 5.02 |
| 1889-90 | Do.' ... | 8 | Do. 1,394 Do. | $170 \quad 0 \quad 0$ | With water rate. | 3.36 |

18. Captain Prescott in his settlement report gives an accurate and interesting account of the mode of growing tobacco. I append a brief description of the attempts made at different times to cure the local product for the European taste. It was kindly supplied me by Sirdár Bahádur Bechardás Viháridás of Nadiád. It is a great pity that the last experiment failed, since, but for one or two con. tretemps, it was as near success, as possible. With the experience now acquired costly as it has been, doubtless the next attempt, in the same direction, will meet with success.
19. I should like to say a few words regarding the manurial resources of the taluka. They are certainly great. For, besides farmyard manure, thousands of sheep, goats and camels come into the country, from Káthiáwár and the northern parts of this province, for grazing and largely add to the local supply. They begin to arrive in October and November and leave in June. The owners of these flocks and herds are open to the following terms, and their charges are never disengaged :-(1) for folding 500 sheep and goats in a field for one night, $\frac{1}{4}$ maund of bajri and $\frac{1}{2}$ maund of paddy; (2) for herding 100 camels for one night, the payment asked for is 1 or 2 rupees in cash, and, in addition for every herdsman, one seer bajri flour, and one seer rice and dál. Sheep and goat manure is good for any kind of crop; but camel manure, being more salty, is best adapted for rice and tobacco.
20. From the town of Nadiád I have heard loud complaints against the Municipality and the Sanitary Department whose behests in the motter the former has had to carry out. Till 4 years ago, the cultivators made manure in their own yards attached to their houses. I cannot do better than quote Dr. Voelcker on the subject, as he wrote from personal enquiry :-
"The practice in the town was to keep the cattle in sheds within the compounds, the ground sloped away into one corner, close at hand, where a pit was carefully dug and plastered; a channel was cut leading from where the cows stood, and along this the urine was led into the pit (a distance of only a few yards.) In this way the urine was soaked up and absorbed by the solid excrements, ashes, and house sweepings. As fresh manure was dropped it was added to the heap by plastering it over the surface. In this way an almost sotid block of first rate manare, including the arine, was formed, and the surface getting quickly hard end dry there was little or no smell, nor anything objectionable."

In 1890, it seems, orders were issued that, on pain of heavy fine, all cattle droppings should be daily taken outside the town limits. As there is no waste land available for the purpose in the immediate vicinity of the town, the cultivators have "had recourse to all manner of shifts, with the result that dry cowdung is now daily carried out by their wives (in the case of the more respectable people sweepers have to be paid to do this), and deposited in heaps wherever a vacant spot is obtainable, free, or for payment. In these places the cowdung is exposed to the sun the livelong day, and to the showers of rain that fall during the dry season, which wash away much of the remaining goodness left by the sun. Thus, instead of the rich compost the cultivators made before the Sanitary authorities interfered they have now to make the best of the deteriorated stuff
described above. Considering how highly the lands of the township have been cultivated, the sanitary authorities have inflicted a heavy blow to agriculture.
21. It is true that, in the following year. 1891, the Collector, having felt the justice of the complaints, of the people, introduced a system of pass, renewable annually, by which, it was supposed, the people could revert to their old effective plan of making manure. But the terms attached to the permit are such that no man can use it and not become exposed to espionage and interference of the most annoying description from all the underlings of the municipality. I will give one instance to illustrate my meaning. Clause 5 of the conditions says that, the manure accumulated in the pit must be (I suppose daily) covered with a coating of such " pure things ( 2 1z\% qzgु) that no smell must issue from it." What things are included in the term "pure things" are not enumerated, so that its interpretation is left to the municipal peons. Yet another illustration. Clause 4 directs that, in every season of the year a quantity of "dust" (yyn) should always be ready to hand to mix. with the urine, \&c. "Dust" for this purpose would have to be brought from long distances, for it is penal to make holes, which the collection of "dust "would imply, in the vicinity of the town. Moreover, mixing "dust" in the way ordered spoils manure by checking fermentation. Is it to be wondered then that some 200 of the cultivators tried the pass system, and, finding themselves annoyed and fined, were glad to give it up? At the present time of writing, the system may be said to be non-existent so far as the cultivators are concerned.
22. Is cow-dung deserving the ban pronounced against it by the sanitary authorities? I scarcely think so: and there are proofs everywhere to support my opinion; for every native house in the country, never mind what -its scale of grandeur, has some part of it cow-dung plastered at least once a week. Bráhmins and other high caste Hindus, as a part of their religion, take their meals on cow-dunged floors. Then if you visit the milch cattle stables in Pré Catalan, in the Bois de Boulogne of Paris, you will see fashionably dressed people sitting in them eating cakes and drinking milk, the object in doing so being the benefit derivable in chest complaints from inhaling the odour of the stables. Furtber a chemist of such undoubted authority as Professor Voelcker says as follows on the subject (see page 129 of his printed report on the improvement of Indian Agriculture):-"In a part like this, where a magnificent cultivation was in a very great measure the result of the careful conservation of manure, it seemed to me a great mistake that the Sanitary authorities should have stepped only to produce a state of things infinitely worse than before in a sanitary light, and one that involved decided agricultural loss. It is absurd to take such measures while till allowing cattle to remain within the compounds, the urine polluting the streets, and the manure heaps making the roadside objectionable." I trust that in the interests of agriculture the orders of the Sanitary authorities on the subiect will be reconsidered.
23. The markets in the táluka are Nadiád and Mahudha, and those outside its boundary Dakor and Umreth. To these latter the surplus produce of the border villages on the east are taken for sale. Nadiád is, no doubt, par excellence, the chief market. Its principal items of export are tobacco and mangoes. The amount and value of this export trade, as obtained from the railway office, are as follows:-

|  |  |  |  | Tonnage, | Value. <br> Rs. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| 1888 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  | $\ldots$ | 12,210 |
| 1889 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots, 65,746$ |  |  |
| 1890 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 14,313 | $1,67,656$ |
| 1891 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 15,359 | 97,891 |
| 1892 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 19,072 | $1,23,286$ |
|  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1,066 | 1,783 |  |  |

The fluctuation is, I believe, chiefly due to the mango season being a poor or a bumper one. In paragraph, 55 of my Parantij revision settlement report, I
stated that, to the railway, the mango trade was worth about Rs . 30,000 annualr. stated that, to the railway, the mango trade was worth about Rs. 30,000 annually.

The following are the details of the import trade for two years obtained from the Nadiád Station Master's office:-

| 1891 |  |  |  |  | Tonnage. | Value. <br> R. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1892 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 19,001 | $1,43,114$ |

The chief articles imported are bájri, wheat, jagri and cotton-seed. No doubt, a certain percentage of the imports find their way beyond the boundary of the táluka. The jagri chiefly comes from the Surat districts and from Cawnpore; and the cotton seed from Baroda and Broach. The latter is used for the feeding of milch cattle. $\sqrt{ }$ Boriávi Station, though named after a village of the A'nand Taluka, is situate within the limits of Kanjari in Nadiád. It has passenger traffic only, the bulk of the people, alighting at or departing from it, being pilgrims t:s the neighbouring Swamináráyan's shrine at Vadtâl.
24. As is usual in this country, rice is principally sold at the door; but Umreth has a large export trade in both paddy and cleaned rice, and the culti. vators not unfrequently cart the produce of their rice fields to it in hopes of getting better prices. Tobacco, like rice, is chiefly sold at the door to agents of merchants of Nadiád and different parts of the country, Rájputána included. Some of the tobacco is carted into Meywád along the Nadiád-Mahudha metalled road; and there is a fair trade in it with the Panch Maháls by the Godhra branch line.
25. When the existing settlement was introduced into the taluka, the Bombay-Ahmedabad railway had been opened only four years, and there were no metalled roads at all. Since then two branch railways have been constructed both of which, though not within the taluka, influence its trade.benéficially, and two first class roads. $\checkmark$ The former are the A'nand-Godhra, which is now leing extended to Rutlam, on the Ajmere-Indore line, and the A'nand-Petlad; and the latter, the road communicating with Mátar, Kaira and Dholka, and that running to Modása in the north-east of the Ahmedabad Collectorate via Mahudha and Kapadvanj. A narrow gauge railway along this latter road was under discussion till two years ago, when the Superintendirg Engineer, Northern Division, decided against its being a profitable investment. In my opinion the line, if managed by the B. B. and C. I. Railway Company, ought to pay. I would, therefore, recommend a fresh enumeration of the cart and Vanjára bullock and donkey traffic that passes either way on it. In placing the enumerators care should be taken that the traffic that will evade them by making even long détours, owing to the belief that they are toll collectors, is not overluoked.
26. There are three fairs held in the táluka, one in Nadiád itself and the remaining two at Vadtal, one of the chief centres of the Swaminaráyan religions. At each of these fairs, the concourse of people amount to about 5,000 . The sales that take place at them are said to be worth about $\mathrm{Ks} .5,000 . \sqrt{ }$
27. From A ppendix D. it will be seen that the agricultural population of Nadiád bears a percentage of 65.25 to the whole. Of this nearly 58 per cent. have interest in land, and the remaining percentage represents the farm servants and field labourers. These last are nearly all recruited from the dharalá or koli caste.
28. Most of the comparative figures tabulated below are taken from Appendix F and the Kaira Gazetteer:-

|  |  |  |  | 1872 and 1876. | 1892-93. | Increase. | Decrease. | Percentage. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population |  |  |  | 151,483 | 1,65,548 | 10,065 | ... | +63 |
| Wells ... |  |  |  | 2,088 | 2,669 | 581 |  | +27 ${ }^{4}$ |
| Agricultural cattle |  | ... |  | 22,009 | 15,917 |  | 3,092 | -14 |
| Cows, buffaloes and | their | oung | ... | 34,863 | 44,605 | 9,742 |  | $+28$ |
| Horses and ponies | ... | ... |  | 344 | 255 | ... | 89 | -26 |
| Sheep and goats | ... | ... |  | 9,098 | 5923 |  | 3,172 | $-343$ |
| Ploughs ... | ... | ... |  | 9,774 | 11,272 | 1,498 | 3 | +15 |
| Carts ... ... | ... | . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | . | 5,627 | 5,624 | ... | 3 | ... |

29. The population has increased only $6 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent. during 21 years. One of the causes of the small increase I have already shown in my paragraph 11 above. The other is furnished by columns 8 and 9 of Appendix G, which shows that for the five years, from 1888-89 to 1892-93, the average birth-rate per annum was 5,575 and the average death-rate 5,633 . Considering that the soil of the táluka is chiefly red, and that the táluka, on the whole, is free from the infliction. of heary floods and, its consequence, water-logging, like Mátar, the statistics should point the other way. Can the excessive pressure on the land account for the abnormal state of affairs?
30. Wells have increased by 581 or $27 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent. This indicates very satisfactory progress, and accounts largely for the heavy increase noticeable in the area of tobacco cultivation.
31. Agricultural cattle have, it would seem, decreased from 1876 by 3,092 or 14 per cent. If the figures are true, they are simply unaccountable, for the ploughs have increased by 1,498 or 154 per cent., and cultivation, by 1,364 acres. A small decrease might perhaps be looked for owing to the increase of population and the consequent decrease in the size of the holdings. On enquiry I learn that, as a matter of essential economy, cultivators, having holdings of less than 5 acres, keep only one bullock, and help one another at time of ploughing. This cause, there is no doubt, also was in operation in 1876, but not to the same extent as now. It is evident, therefore, that, one, or both the figures given in this connection in the statement in paragraph 27 are not reliable.
32. Cows and buffaloes have increased by 9,742 heads or 28 per cent. These figures seem to be trustworthy; for there is now an increasing trade in mává and cream. Mává, which is milk boiled down and condensed and used in the manufacture of native sweets, is made in seven of the villages of the taluka and sent to Bombay. The manufacture of cream for export is a new industry introduced since 1890, when, at a local exhibition, the Swedish oream separator was exhibited. In Nadiad town there are now two large separators, which use up daily 3,200 lbs. of milk. The cream is sent to Deesa and Bombay and the separated milk to Ahmedabad and Baroda. Besides the Nadiád town separators,' there are two machines at Utarsanda and one at Chaklási. They supply the Prince of Wales Dairy Company in Bombay.
33. Horses and ponies show a decrease of 26 per cent.
34. Sheep and goats also show a decrease, the percentage being 343. This may. be viewed as a favourable sign, as indicative of the extension of cultivation.
35. Ploughs show an increase of, 1498 or $15 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent. The increase in the area of cultivation during the currency of the existing lease has been 1,139 acres.
36. There is a nominal decrease in carts. According to the Gazetteer there were 6,661 carts in 1876, but I consulted the Mámlatdár and found that the number according to the táluka form was 5,627 , and I have adopted this figure as the more accurate.
37. In Appendix $G$ will be found some information regarding the industry practised in the taluka, To complete it I must add that there are a spinning factory (opened in 1875), a brass and iron foundry started four years ago, and three screw presses, which turn out about 2,000 half-pressed bales. The ginning factory mentioned in the appendix is worked in connection with the spinning mill, both having the same awner.
38. From Appendix H the state of education will be learnt. Out of 99 villages, both Government and inámi, compasing the táluka, there are schools in only 46 of them. The number of Local Board and Municipal schools for boys is 46 and for girls 10. The attendance at the former is 3,753, and at the latter 406. Besides these, there exist 9 private schools for boys and 1 school for girls, the
attendance being respectively 269 and 30 , attendance being respectively 269 and 30,
39. Appendix I shows that there are in the táluka 26,351 Government survey numbers and 33,739 inami. Of these, 20 per cent. and 27 per cent. respectively are cultivated by the owners themselves: 3 per cent. and 5 per cent. are cultivated by the owners in partnership with others; 8 per cent. and 19 per cent.
are sublet on money rent; 9 per cent. and 5 per cent. are sublet for rent in kind. The number of Government waste survey numbers is 1 per cent. and of inami 3 per cent.
40. The number of tanks for irrigation is 312 , and those for cattle and washing purposes 624. The former chiefly irrigate rice lands, but their number and extent are very short of the requirement, for there are 1,597 acres irrigated to 5,187 acres of ákasia, or rain-dependent rice land.
41. Appendix K gives an abstract of ordinary sales to the number of 100 obtained from the Registration Department. These cases show as follows :-In' three cases the amount of the sale per acre was 10 times the Government assessment; in 60 cases from 11 to 50 times ; in 32 cases from 51 to 100 times; and in 5 cases from 101 to 250 times.
42. In Appendix $K(1)$ is given 52 sales by order of the civil Courts. : Column 8 shows that in 8 cases the sale money was 6 times the Government assessment ; in 30, 27-11 times; in 10, 68-14 times; and in 4, $123 \cdot 20$ times.
43. Appendix $L$ gives 100 cases of simple mortgages. The sums for which the mortgages were effected exceeded the Goyernment assessment from 1 to 150 times. The lowest rate per acre was Rs. 27-3-2 and the highest Rs. 540.
44. Appendix $L$ (1) gives the same number of cases of mortgages with possession. The lowest average rate per acre was Rs. 31-6-5 and the highest Rs. 255-12-11. The number of times the amount of the mortgage exceeded the amount of the Government assessment was from 8.72 to 65.65 .
45. Appendix $M$ contains 99 cases showing the subletting value of the land. It exceeded the Government assessment from 2.37 to $6 \cdot 17$ times.
$\sqrt{46 \text {. In Statement } N \text { will be found the prices of bajri, paddy, tur and }}$ tabacco for seven years before the last settlement, and for the survey period down to 1892-93, which covers 28 years. Comparing the average prices that vuled in the first mentioned period with those of the last decade, the rise in prices is as follows:-

| $\cdots$ | Bajuri has risen... |  | ... | ... | ... 34.4 per cent. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rice in h | ask risen | ... | ... | ... 33.3 |  |
|  | Tur | " | ... | ... | ... $21 \cdot 6$ | \% |
|  | Tobacco | " | ... | ... | ... 13.3 | " |

The above comparison, however, seems to me to-be one-sided and, in order to make it fair, the two abnormal years of $1863-64$ and 1864 -65, when prices wer forced up by the great American War, should be eliminated. By doing this that result is as follows :-

| Bajuri has risen... |  | ... | . | ... 62.5 per cent. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rice in | ask risen | . | ... | ... 528 | " |
| Tur | , | $\ldots$ | ... | ... 48.7 | " |
| Tobacco | $\because$ | ... | ... | ... 266 | " |

I may add that the prices quoted in the appendix may be accepted as thoroughly reliable. The prices furnished by the Mámlatdár were, on the fáce of them, wrong, and I got them replaced by quotations from a private account book while I was camped in the town of Nadiad.
$V_{47}$. The wages of agricultural labourers per diem, before the introduction of the existing survey rates, and at the present moment, are respectively as follows :-Man or woman $1 \frac{1}{2}$ annas and 3 hand-cakes, and 3 annas with the same number of hand-cakes. . In respect of money $\cdot$ payment alone the increase is 100 per cent. $\sqrt{ }$
48. The revenue history of the taluka is shown in two separate statements, owing to the different years in which the survey rates were introduced into the Mahudha and Mátar villages on the one hand and the Nadiád villages on the other.
49. Taking the Nadiad willages first the usual comparison between the occupied area and the revenue therefrom of the years before the survey settlement with the same data of a like number of years immediately following it can-
not be made, for the reason that, in 1866-67 owing to the barkhald and Government areas having been finally adjusted, as suggested in paragraphs 69 and 70 of Captain Prescott's Nadiád settlement report No. 418, dated 25th November 1865, there was a decrease in the latter of 2,805 acres, which represented a revenue of Rs. 21,691. A few years after, however, in 1871-72, the inámi village of Utarsanda lapsed to Government, adding some 1,500 acres to the occupied area. But looking at column 8 of the revenue history statement it will be seen that, though the survey lease began with an assessed waste area of 1,144 acres, it ends with only 150 acres.
50. The rèvenue history of the Mahudha and other villages is given in Appendix $\mathrm{O}^{(1)}$. In 1864-65 a large area of narva land was transferred to the heading of Alienated land; hence, in respect these villages also, the usual comparison cannot be effected. A study of the 31 years' figures shows that the area of cultivation has kept very steady during all those years. In 1892-93 the area of unoccupied assessed land was the smallest during the whole of the lease.
51. In respect of remissions, an examination of the revenue history appendices will show that they have been almost nothing. The amounts remitted during the years of the introduction of the settlements were, of course, in accordance with the provisions of the Land Revenue Code, whereby the enhanced rates are not levied till the year following the introduction of the settlement.
52. The table given below will show the extent of the difficulty experienced in the collection of the revenue for the last three years :-

| Year. |  | Number of <br> Villages. | Number of <br> notices. | Number of <br> distraunt <br> cases. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| . |  |  |  |  |  |
| $1890-91$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 61 | 909 | 31 |
| $1891-92$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 53 | 646 | 7 |
| $1892-93$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 39 | 341 | 2, |

In 1891 the rain-fall was much below the average. In the current year, so far as my personal enquiries in the táluka go, there has been little or no difficulty in collecting the revenue instalments so far.
53. Although the Nadiád settlement was effected partly in 1863-64 and partly in 1865-66, when the effect of the American War on prices was at its highest, and the railway communication with Bombay and Ahmedabad had only recently been established, it will be seen that, these important facts were not taken advantage of by Captain Prescott in fixing his maximum rates ; for these, as will be seen from the correspondence herewith forwarded, did not raise the revenue by more than 10 per cent. That the pre-survey rates were moderate is testified to both by Captain Prescott and the Collector. . Since the settlement,new roads have been built and railways have been, and are being, extended, owing to which new markets in Rájputána and Káthizwár have been opened out for the local produce. Prices of the various products, as I have shown in paragraph 45 above, have risen from 26 to 62 per cent. Wages of agricultural labourers have also advanced. The statistics furnished by the Registration Department show that land commands very good value. All these are considerations which, I submit, are in favour of Government taking a larger revenue from the táluka for the next lease than 'they are now doing.
54. I have now come to the grouping of the villages, a subject which, owing to the re-formation of the Kaira Tálukas in 1867, and to Captain Prescott's maximum rates being, more or less, caste rates, is not unattended with difficulty. As a proof of the latter, I will refer you to paragraphs 58 and 59 of that officer's Nadiád report No. 418, dated 25th November 1865, and to the end of paragraph 17 of his report on Mahudha, No. 561, dated 5th December 1863. Though Mr. Rogers, Revenue Commissioner, Northern Division, in paragraph 5 of his
letter No. 4580, dated 23rd December 1865, combated Captain Prescotus views on this subject, inequalities of assessment have notwithstanding been perpetuated; for witness Salun Wánto, with its maximum rate of Rs. 4.8, situated .between Nadiád and Salun Talpad, whose maximum rates are respectively Rs. 6-4 and Rs. 5-8.
55. The township of Nadiad consists of 7 pátis, or revenue divisions. In the original settlement, these pátis constituted the first group; and in my proposals I will also assign them the same prominent position. The names of the pátis are as follows:-

1. Alád Páti.
2. Kákarkhád Páti.
3. Lakhápad Páti.
4. Chaklási Páti.
5. Hirji Páti.
6. Ratanji Páti.

## 7. Killedári Páti.

56. My second group consists of thirty villages. These are all either adjoining Nadiad town, or within six miles of it, or the important junction station of A'nand. I enumerate them below :-

| 1. Kamla. | 16. Akhdol. |
| :---: | :---: |
| 2. Bilodrá. | 17. Mitrad. |
| 3. Maridá. | 18. Piplátá. |
| 4. Salun Talpad. | 19. Keriávi. |
| 5. Salun Vánto. | 20. Gutâl. |
| 6. Kanjodá. | 21. Piplag. |
| 7. Surásámal. | 22. Dumrál. |
| 8. Chaklási. | 23. Gundel. |
| 9. Fatepur Nadiád. | 24. Dávda. |
| 10. Utarsanda. | 25. Bamnoli. |
| 11. Bhamel. | 26. Dantáli. |
| -12. Narsandá. | 27. Járol. |
| 13. Mamadpur. | 28. Degam. |
| 14. Vadtal. | 29. Háthnoli |
| 15. Valetra. | 30. Dabhán. |

57. My third group consists of the villages adjoining those of second group on the eastern side of the railway. The village farthest from Nadiad Station is Mahudha, which is itself a market, though a small one, and is connected with the station by a first class road. The number of the villages is 28, and their names are given below :-

58. My fourth group includes the remainder of the villages of the taluka except two. Their names are :-
59. Aliná.
60. Arjanpur K6t.
61. Kaiej
62. Kadz.

Khaladi.
Khadol Moti.
7. Khadol Náni.
8. Náná Vagá.
9. Minávádá.
10. Chunel.
11. Dadusar.

I2. Dhandhôdi.
13. Faloli.
14. Finav.
15. Balol.
16. Baládi.
17. Bháner.
18. Mirj\&́pur.
19. Mehmadábádnu Muádu.
20. Ruppurí.
21. Vadthal.
22. Seri
23. Sanali.
24. Heranj.
59. The fifth and last group consists of the villages of Ghoghávádá and Vásná. They are rather poor villages as compared with their neighbours, and they are moreover cut off from the Mahudhá-Kapadvanj road by a river.
60. The current soil maximum rates of the original Nadiad villages run from Rs. 6-4-0 to Rs. 4-8-0, and those of the late Mahudha villages, from Rs. $4-8-0$ to Rs. $2-8-0$. There were only 3 villages transferred from Mátar, their maximum rates being Rs. 4-8-0.
${ }^{c}$. The rates I now propose for the revision settlement are as follows :-

|  |  | Rs. a. p. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group 1. | - | * |  | $\cdots{ }^{6}$ | 12 | 0 |
| Group II. | ... | -•• |  | $\cdots\left\{\begin{array}{l}5 \\ 5\end{array}\right.$ | 12 | 0 0 |
| Group III. | ... | . |  | ... 5 | 0 | 0 |
| Group IV. | ... | ... |  | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Group V. | ... | . $\cdot$ |  | 3 | 0 | 0 |

The double rate for the second group seems necessary to prevent the increase on the Koli villages, which are now comparatively underassessed from becoming excessive.
62. The rice water maximum rates of the Nadiad and Mahudhá villages were fixed on the same principle as those of the soil; that is, they are, in the case of each group, one rupee lower than the soil maximum rate. The maximum rates of the 3 Mitar villages are in two cases Rs. 2 and in one case Rs. 1-12-0.
63. For my proposals I will adopt Captain Prescott's maximum waterrates of the 1st and 2nd groups as the maximum rates of my 1st and 2nd groups, and regulate those of the lower groups accordingly. The rates I propose are as follows:-
$\left.\begin{array}{llllllll} & & & & & \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ \text { Group I } & & & & & \ldots & 5 & 4 \\ 0\end{array}\right)$

That I have not begun the above rates at too high a figure is clea $/ \mathrm{y}$ 'proved by the fact that, under the current rates the area of newly converted rice has been as large as 8,058 acres, both Government and alienated.
64. The Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, in his remarks on my settlement report on the revision of the Mehmadabad 'Táluka, has commented at length on the principle which should guide us in fixing the rice water maximum rates of the different groups of villages of a táluka. These remarks he has sent to me with a request that $I$ will scrutinise them, and indicate the system which I intend to adopt in future revisions.
65. The Survey Commissioner at the outset states that, it is hard to ascertain on what basis the old settlement officers worked out the water maximum rates, because there was no uniformity in their action. I would respectfully beg to state that, as the subject is one which is not capable of bearing the application of one universal rule, the want of uniformity in their action seems to me to be natural. Rice is an aquatic plant, which will thrive on almost any kind of soil, provided there is an ample supply of water for it. It stands to reason, then, that an acre of rice land in a village of the lowest group, which has a full water-supply, will yield a far more abundant crop than an acre of land in a village of the highest group, which has only ap fuctuating supply. If such be the facts, then it is evident that if we make a universal rule that, the maximum water-rate of a taluka shall always follow the same gradations as those of the maximum soil rate, inequalities of assessment must result. To illustrate this I will draw an example from Táluka Sánand to which Mr. Ozanne refers. The township of Sánand has a market of its own, and it also has a railway station within its boundaries. It is therefore classed in the first group, and has a maximum soil rate of Rs. 3 per acre. Juda,
on the contrary, is a village which enjoys none of these on the contrary, is a village which enjoys none of these advantages, and is therefore placed in the third group with a maximum soil rate of Rs. 2. By the general rule suggested by the Survey Commissioner in his paragraph 14, the táluka having a scant and uncertain rain-fall, the village of Sãanand should have
a maximum water rate of Rs. 1-8-0 and Juda Re. 1. But what are their ricegrowing qualifications? Sánand is in one of the highest levels of the taluka, owing to which rice is a precarious crop in it; and the difficulties of growing it have been increased by the railway embankment cutting off the drainage that came into it from the north. Juda, on the contrary, is in one of the great depressions, owing to which even in bad years rice is a possible crop, for the local supply of water is largely added to by the drainage of the surrounding country. Such being the actual conditions of the two villages, the question arises, would the maximum water rates of Rs. 1-8 and 1, as deduced by the Survey Commissioner's general rule for Sanand and Juda, respectively, be equitable rates? It seems to me that there cannot be two opinions about the matter that the maximum water rate of Juda should be higher than that of Sanand. Referring to the Sanand revision report, I find that the water rate of Sanand is Rs. 3-8 and that of Juda Rs. 4-0. The credit of these rates belongs to Mr. Rogers, for I have only adopted them.
66. Then again, it is well known that our soil rates have not been scientifically worked out, but that they have been, as it was right to do, practically deduced from actual facts derived from a study of the revenue history of the tálukas. Nobody who has seen the Khári and Nadiád villages will deny that as a rice-growing district the former, which lies in a great depression, is twice as good as the latter ; and, yet, if the general rule already alluded to were applied to them, the maximum water-rate of Navágám, the finest of the Khári villages with a soil rate of Rs. 4 , would be Rs. 2, whereas the same rate of the village of Nadiad, supposing the maximum soil rate now proposed for it, viz., Rs. 6-12-0, is sanctioned, would be Rs. 3-6-0. If their respective original soil rates of Rs. 2-8-0 and Rs. 6-4-0 were taken as the basis, the result would, I think, be still more difficult to accept, for the rates would be Rs. 1-4-0 and Rs. 3-2-0.
67. In his paragraph 11, the Survey Commissioner alludes to his not having been able to understand the unusual disproportion adopted by Mr. Rogers in his Jetalpur soil and water maximum rates. This difficulty is however solved by a reference to paragraph 24 of Mr. Roger's report No. 127, dated 10th September 1859, to be found in the Daskroi Taluka revision settlement compilation. It will be seen from it that the then original waterrate of the Khári villages ranged from Rs. 13-8-0 to Rs. 15-3-6 per acre, and these Mr. Rogers could not well ignore.
68. In his paragraph 12, the Survey Commissioner says that " one absolute and fatal objection to it (Captain Prescott's plan of varying the standard of water rates) is that it pre-supposes that all the rice land is tank irrigated." I would most respectfully say that I do not understand to what this remark applies. In the original settlements some few of the rice rates were fixed on 24 annas of classification, but the majority were on 16 annas classification. In pur revision work we have adopted one uniform rule to show the rates as fixed on 16 annas of classification. If I may add an explanation, this rule does not in the slighest degree pre-suppose that the whole of the rice area is tank irrigated; its only reason is, that, it is the most convenient one for our calculation purposes. This explanation should also be read in connection with paragraph 14, where, if I do not misread it, the misunderstanding occurs that our water maximum rates are fixed on 8 annas of classification.
69. I would beg to observe with reference to the Survey Commissioner's paragraph 10 that, a comparison in the matter of rice cultivation can scarcely be instituted between the North of Gujarát and the Konkan. In the latter, not only is the rain-fall about three times as great as in the former, but there is also the immense drainage from the neighbouring hills and mountains. Under such circumstances, which may be pronounced as practically unvarying, the application of general rules to the Konkan became not only possible but necessary. I hope I have succeeded in showing above that the observance of hard-and-fast rules in Gujarát cannot but produce most inequitable results.
70. The only rules I would propose for our guidance in the matter are these:-
(1). In tálukas like Sánand and Mátar, with extensive depressions, where rice can be cultivated under the most adrantageous circumstances, B 219—4
the rice water rates should, in a great measure, be a consideration independent of the soil rates ; because, to quote from paragraph 51 of my Sánand settlement report, "these physical advantages we cannot make to march hand in hand with such artificial considerations as proximity to markets and railways, which are the chief factors in the grouping of villages." I would crave a reference to paragraph 51 itself for all the argunents I would use in this place.
(2). In talukas having an even surface, so that the conditions under which rice is grown in different parts of it are pretty equal, the maximum water rates may follow the maximum soil rates. I would lay down no rule as to the proportion the two should bear to one another. I would leave that to the judgment of the settlement officer, possessing as he does both local knowledge and the work of his predecessors to guide him. The only definite rule I would fix is that, in dry tálukas the water rates should be lower than the soil rates, and in wet tracts, like the Khári, they may be equal and even higher if the soil rates should be unduly low.
71. There is neither bliótho nor dhekudiat land in the táluka.
72. The areas, by the group, which have been classed for subsoil water advantages, and the assessment thereon according to the revised rates, are as follows:-


The above figures give an incidence of $8-1 \mathrm{l}$ annas per aere.
73. The amount of bágayat kasar abandoned is Rs. 12,871 .
74. The subjoined table shows the estimated result of the application of the proposed rates to all Government lands, occupied and unoccupied, of the táluka. It is an abstract of Appendix $\mathrm{Q}:-$

75. All the groups show increases well within the limit prescribed by Government except Group V. There are only twa villages in it, and the increase is chieffy owing to subsoir water assessment. Thinking there may have been some error in the subsoil water classification, I lately had both the
villages carefully examined by an experienced classer. Notwithstand I have given the full benefit of the dperienced classer. Notwithstanding that parts' of the work, the percentage increase is still above classer in respect of recommend that Government may be mored to sanotion it as a special therefore?
76. It is necessary for me to alrude to the village of a special case. Group IV, the estimated increase on which is 75 village of Bháner classed in two miles in length and its village site is situated at one . This village is over porcentage is to a certain extent due to this one peculiar fact, for the distange
from village scale must have reduced the estimate of the original settlement by about 12 per cent. The final assessment to be worked out for the announcing of the rates will also show a considerable decrease.
77. In Nadiád the survey settlement wisely conceded all rights in trees standing in Government occupied lands to the holders thereof. In Mahudha, however, for some reason, this was not done, hence for the last five years Government have derived an average revenue from trees of Rs. 238-15-3. In keeping with the now established usage, I would recommend that the trees yielding this small revenue may be entirely made over to the occupants of the numbers in which they are. It is astonishing that the collection of Rs. 9-2-0 per annum is still being made on account of trees belonging to holders of alienated land. The Resolution (No. 9,578) declaring thatGovernmenthad no right in trees in alienated lands was issued on 19th Decomber 1889, and the Commissioner, N. D., duly brought it to the notice of the Revenue officials. I have, therefore, only to here mention the above fact to stop the further collection of the revenue alluded to.
78. Sandalwood trees grow in the taluka and they will be reserved.
79. It has entirely escaped me to mention, in its proper place, one other just complaint made to me by the khátedárs of the town of Nadiád. It is that their-carts used for agricultural purposes are taxed by the Municipality at the rate of Rs. $1-8$ per cart per annum. Enquiring of the Collectors of Surat and Broach, I learn that such carts are not taxed by the Municipalities of Surat and Broach, but that only pleasure carts owned by well-to-do-cultivators are subjected to taxation,. I would recommend to the President of the Nadiád Municipality the adoption of this liberal treatment towards the Nadiad citizens of the cultiyating class.
80. In concIusion, I beg to recommend that the proposed rates, if approved by Government, be sanctioned for 30 years from the year of their introduction.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
T. R. FERNANDEZ, Deputy Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Gujarát.

Statement showing Rain-fall.


APPENDIX B.
Statement showing the average of Cultivated and Uncultivated area as also the details of Orops.


## APPENDIX D.

Detuil of Population according to Occupation by Percentages.


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

|  | Sex. | As per Village Censua. | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \text { Percentage } \\ \text { on total Popu } \\ \text { lation able } \\ \text { to read or } \\ \text { learning. } \end{array}$ | Religion. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Hindu Castes, |  |  | Musalman Secta. | Christians. | Pársis, | Otherm. |
|  |  |  |  | Kuxbis. | Kolis. | Others |  |  |  |  |
| Males | *-' | 85,952 | $11 \cdot 90$ | 16,312 | 29,288 | 30,822 | 9,452 | *39 | 39 | ..' |
| Females | ... | 75,596 | . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 12,900 | .26,521 | 27,931 | 8,201 | 28 | 15 | -• |
|  | Total | 161,548 | $6 \cdot 44$ | 29,212 | 55,809 | 58,753 | -17,653 | 67 | 54 |  |

## APPENDIX F.

Statement showing the Agricultural Stock.


## APPENDIX G.

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


## APPENDIX H.

Statement of Schools together with their Averago Attendance.

|  | T'Ealuka. | Local boamd Schooxe. |  |  |  | Momititar Sohoors. |  |  |  | Pritata Sczoola |  |  |  | emarke, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Boys. |  | Gris. |  | Boys. |  | Gurle, |  | Boys. |  | Guris, |  |  |
|  |  | Number <br> Schoole. | Average Attendance. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Numbor } \\ & \text { Schfools. } \end{aligned}$ | Average Attondance | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { Schools. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline \text { Average } \\ \text { Attend. } \\ \text { ance. } \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { Schools. } \end{aligned}$ | Average Attendance. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { Schoole. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Average } \\ \text { Attenade } \\ \text { anace. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Namber } \\ & \text { Schools. } \end{aligned}$ | Average Attendance. |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 46 | Nadiad | 37 | 2,300 | 7 | 164 | 9 | 1,453 | 3 | 242 | 9 | 269 | 1 | 30 |  |

## APPENDIX I.

Statement showing the proportion of Government Occupied and Inam Lands cultivated by Occupants and Sub-tenants.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Willage. } \end{gathered}$ | District\% | Total Numbers cultivated by Occupants or Inámdars |  | Total Numbers culturated by Occupants or Inámdars in partnership with others. |  | Total Numbers cuitivated by Sub-tenants on Money-rent. |  | Total Numhers cultivated by Sub-tenants for Produce of $G_{\text {ram }}$ rent. |  | Waste Numbers. <br> - | Parampok Numbers. | Total Number. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Government. | Inam. | Government. | Inám. | Govern- ment. | Insm. | Government. | Inama |  |  | Government. | Inám. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 92 | Nadiád ... . | 12,054 | 16,410 | 1,784 | 3,275 | 4,970 | 11,056 | 5,522 | 2,998 | 412 | 1,609 | 26,351 | 33,739 |
|  | Percentage ...0 | 20 | 27 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 19 | -9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 44 | 56 |

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


| ABSTRACT. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mo. | Detauls, | Wells, Rudkrs, and the lhke. |  | Tanks. |  | Other sources. |  | Rrinarks. |
|  |  | Pakka | Kacha. | Pakka. | Kecha. | Pakka. | Kache. |  |
| 1 | .$^{2}$ | 8 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | $\bigcirc$ |
|  |  |  | $\qquad$ | ${ }^{\prime \prime} 1$ $\begin{gathered} 15 \\ 18 \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{array}{\|c} \cdots \\ \cdots \\ \cdots \\ +\cdots \\ +\cdots \end{array}$ |  |  |

## APPENDIX K.

An Abstract Statement showing Ordinary Sales.

| Clast of cases according to the number of times the Survey Assessment for which Land is sold. | Number of cases. | Total Acres sold. | Total <br> Assessment. | Average rate of Assessment per Aare, | Total'sum for which sold. | Average rate per Acre for which sold. | Average number of times the Survey Assessment for which sold. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Class I- 1 to 10 times.. | 3 | - 6 | $\begin{array}{rr}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } \\ 31 & 7\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cccc}\text { Rs. a. } \\ \text { 5 } & \\ 5 & 3 & 10\end{array}$ | Rs. 249 | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 41 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | 7.92 |
| " II- 11 to 25 ".. | $60^{\prime}$ | 119 | 4730 | 3157 | 14,100 | $\begin{array}{ll}118 & 7\end{array}$ | 29.80 |
| ", IV-51 to 100 " $\quad$... | 32 | 40 | 1820 | 4889 | 14,125 | $\begin{array}{llll}353 & 2 & 0\end{array}$ | 7760 |
| ", V-101 to 250 " ... | 5 | 4 | 209 | $\begin{array}{lll}5 & 2 & 3\end{array}$ | 3,499 | 874120 | $170 \cdot 16$ |
| Total | 100 | 169 | 7070 | 4211 | 31,973 | 18930 | 45.22 |

APPENDIX K ${ }^{(1)}$.
An Abstract Statement showing Sales under Court Decree.


APPENDIX $\mathbf{L}$.
An Abstract Statement showing Simple Mortgages.

| Class of cases according to the number of times the Survey Absessment for which land is sold. | Number of cases. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Aores } \\ \text { mortgaged. } \end{gathered}$ | - Total Aseess: ment. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Average } \\ \text { rate of } \\ \text { Assessment } \\ \text { per Acre. } \end{gathered}$ | Total sum for which mortgaged. | Average rate per Acre for which mortgaged. | Average number of times the Survey Assessment for which mortgaged. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  |  | Rs . | Rs. a. p. | Rs. | Rs. *a. p. |  |
| Class I- 1 to 10 times... | 11 | 40 | 146 | 3105 | 1,088 | $\begin{array}{llll}27 & 3 & 2\end{array}$ |  |
| II- 11 to 25 ,... | 33 | 105 | 422 | 4103 | 7,219 | $\begin{array}{lrr}27 & 3 & 2 \\ 68 & 12 & 0\end{array}$ | 7.45 17.10 |
| III- 26 to 50 , | 41 | 93 | 417 | 478 | 14,282 | $\begin{array}{rrrr}153 & 9 & 1\end{array}$ | 34.24 |
| IV- 51 to 100 " | 13 | 21 | 102 | 41138 | 6,949 | $\begin{array}{llll}330 & 14 & 5\end{array}$ | 68.12 |
| V-101 to 150 \% ... | 2 | 2 | 9 | 480 | 1,080 | $\begin{array}{rrrr}540 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 120.00 |
| Total | 100 | 261 | 1,096 | 433 | 30,618 | $117 \quad 411$ | 27.93 |

APPENDIX L. ${ }^{(1)}$
An Abstract Statement showing Mortgages woith possession.


APPENDIX M.
An Abstract Statement showing Sub-lettings.

| Class of cases according to the number of tumes the Survey Assessment for which land us sold. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { cases. } \end{gathered}$ | Total Acres sub-let. | Total Assessment. | Average rate of Assessment per Acre. | Total sum for which sub-let. | Average rate per Acre for which sub-let. | Average num ber of times the Survey Assessment or which sub-let. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  | Acress | Bs |  |  |  |  |
| Class I... ... 1 to 5 times... | 77 | 203 | 935 | 498 | 2,217 | 10149 | $2 \cdot 37$ |
| Class II... ... 6 to 10 times... | 22 | 47 | 188 | 400 | 1,161 | 24112 | $6 \cdot 17$ |
| Class III... ... 11 to 25 times... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Class IV... ... 26 to 50 times. $\therefore$ |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ...... | -•" | *... | ..' |
| Class V... ... above 50 times |  |  |  |  | - |  |  |
| Total ... | 99 | 250 | 1,123 | $4 \quad 710$ | 3,378 | 1388 | 3.00 |

## APPENDIX $\mathbf{N}$.

Statement showing the Prices prevalent.


## APPENDIX 0.

Rerenue History for 38 Villages, situated in the Nadiäd Taluka of the Kaira Collectorate, into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1S65-66.
[The years above the black line are those antecedent to the Survey Settlement.]


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## APPENDIX $0^{(1)}$.

Revenue History for 51 Villages of Táluka Mahudha and 3 of Táluka Mâlar, situated in the Nadiád Táluka of the Laira Collectorate, into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1862-63.
[The years above the black line are those antecedent to the Survey Settlement.]


APPENDIX Q.

General Statement referred to in paragraph 74 of the Depuity Superintendent's Report No. 400

Q.
dated 17th April 1894, for 92 Government Villages attuated.in the Nadiád Táluka of the Kaira Collectorate.


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Q-continued.


APPENDIX,


Q－concluded．

|  | By Rivieion Surver． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Percentage } \\ & \text { difference of } \\ & \text { A ssessment. } \end{aligned}$ |  | Average Assessment of Government Landper Acre． | Rice Water maximumRate． |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 导 } \\ & \text { 宫 } \\ & \text { 总 } \end{aligned}$ | Government Ocupied Land． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Gove Unoc Asb La | nment <br> capled sbed d． |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 亳 } \\ & \text { 霛 } \end{aligned}$ | Dry－crop． |  | Converted <br> Dry－crop（or <br> new Rice）． |  | Old Riee． |  | Dhekudis． |  | Bhathas． |  | Total |  |  |  | 免 |  |  | \＃ | 宮 |
|  |  | 㺂 |  | 罗 |  | $\frac{\$}{4}$ |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \frac{9}{2} \\ & \frac{1}{4} \end{aligned}$ |  | 蚛 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 |
| Acres．${ }^{\text {acres }}$ |  | Acres． | Rs． | Acres | Hs， | Acres． | R8． | Acres， | H\％． | Acres． | Rs． | Acres． | R．4 | Acres， | Res． | Acres | P8． | Ra．a．p． | Rs．a | Re．a． |
| －contomued． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2，298 | 355 | 748 | 2，391 | 74 | 289 | 101 | 403 | ． |  |  |  | 923 | 3，173 | ．．． | － | 104 | $\cdots$ | 370 | 212 | 28 |
| 385 | 74 | 238 | 887 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 12 | ．． | ． | $\cdots$ | ．． | 242 | 882 | 1 | 2 | 323 | ．．． | 3103 | 28 | 28 |
| 1，500 | 148 | 356 | 1，859 | 93 | 453 | 94 | 578 | ．．． | ． | ．．． | ．－ | 643 | 2，390 | 83 | 222 | 614 | － | 420 | 28 | 28 |
| 287 | 95 | 224 | 790 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 2 | 8 | － | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 296 | 798 | 10 | 23 | 35 | － | 378 | 28 | 28 |
| 937 | 152 | 347 | 1，324 | 15 | 69 | 54 | 245 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ＊ | $\cdots$ | 416 | 1，838 | 55 | 178 | $35 \frac{1}{2}$ |  | 313 | 28 | 28 |
| 2，484 | 201 | 764 | 2，804 | 204 | 1，624 | 327 | 1，664 | ．$\cdot$ | $\cdots$ |  | ．．． | 1，295 | 5，552 | 21 | 48 | 523 | ．．． | 441 | 28 | 28 |
| 868 | 293 | 522 | 2，035 | 4 | 18 | 7 | 40 | － | ＂． | － | $\bullet$ | 533 | 2，123 | 60 | 212 | 45 | $\cdots$ | 3150 | 24 | 28 |
| 1，802 | 181 | 1，252 | 4，880 | 99 | 518 | 97 | 523 | $\cdots$ | ＂． | ．．＂ | $\cdots$ | 1，448 | 5，021 | 24 | 69 | $75 \pm$ |  | 411 | 24 | 28 |
| 1，031 | 74 | 408 | 1，520 | 80 | 422 | 34 | 175 | $\cdots$ | ．－ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 6\％） | 2，117 | 116 | 358 | 513 | －． | 3135 | 24 | 2 B |
| 1，198 | 113 | 174 | 638 | 51 | 229 | 109 | 1，057 | $\cdots$ | ．． | ＊＊ | － | 424 | 1，924 | 62 | 238 | 421 |  | 472 | 24 | 28 |
| 765 | 258 | 546 | 1，964 | 10 | 45 | 14 | 68 | $\cdots$ |  | ．＇． | ． | 570 | 2，078 | 53 | 147 | 50\％ | －．． | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 9 & 2\end{array}$ | 20 | 28 |
| 564 | 148 | 483 | 1，723 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | －．． | $\cdots$ |  |  | 484 | 1，726 | 48 | 161 | 589 | ．．＂ | 389 | 20 | 28 |
| 32，050 | 4，797 | 11，227 | 39，287 | 1，152 | 5，174 | 1，087 | 10，102 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 14，366 | 64，543 | 656 | 1，962 | 302 | $\cdots$ | 3122 | － |  |
| $V$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | － |  |  |  |  |
| 1，959 | 333 | 1，771 | 4，380 | 10 | 82 | 16 | 51 | $\cdots$ | ．．＂ | ＊ | $\cdots$ | 1，797 | 4，463 | 72 | 78 | 39 | $\cdots$ | 2611 | 112 | 112 |
| 1，404 | 156 | 628 | 1，064 | 190 | 623 | 89 | 890 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 902 | 2，677 | 19 | 43 | 51 | ．．． | 2158 | 18 | 112 |
| 3，458 | 489 | 2，394 | 6，04 | 200 | 655 | 103 | 441 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．＊ | $\because$ | 2，699 | 7，140 | 91 | 121 | 43k | ．－． | 298 | ． | － |
| 122，189 | 14，875 | 30，034 | 1，81，874 | 3，857 | 21，384 | 0，777 | 44，901 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 50，308 | 2，43，159 | 1，040 | 3，301 | 243 | ．．． | 4143 | ．－ |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## A short history of Tobacco-curing in Nadiád by Ráo Bahádur Desai Viháridảs Ajubhai and his sons.

First attempt in 1862 a.c., His Excellency Sir Bartle Frere, the then Governor of Bombay, suggested to Desai Vibáridás Ajubhai, through His Excellenćy's Private Secretary, Mr. Hope, to try an experiment of sowing some Shraz and Manilla seeds of tobacco whic̣ His Excellency was kind enough to send for that porpose. Mr. E. P. Robertson, who was then the Collector of Kaira, gave a helping band by showing the method of planting and curing tobacco aceording to the European system. The tobaceo realized from those seeds was sent by Government to England for the opinion of experts, who said, on testing it, that it had got the defect of not burning continuously, and that the ashes turned black instead of white.

2nd.-His Excellency then wished that Mr. Haridás should go to Triehinopoly and Madras and acquaint himself with the culture and curing of tobacco as it was done in those parts. Mr. Haridás accordingly travelled thither in 1865 A.C., and on his return commenced experiment in the matter on the system he found at work there. The result, however, was the same as above mentioned. But the experiments were continued every year on an acre of land reseryed by the Desai specially for that purpose.
$3 r d$. - In 1874, Sir Phillip Wodehouse, the then Governor of Bombay, moved the subject, through Mr. Sheppard, the then Collector of Kaira, who suggested, on behalf of Government, that if Ráo Bahádur Viháridás would engage the services of two planters and curers from Madras, Government would arrange to obtann them from him. On the Desai's agreeing to do so, two persons of the requisite qualifications were engaged from Dindigul for one year, and in the next, Government were pleased to obtain two manufacturers from Trichincpoly for the same purpose.

The cigars made by them were sent by Government to England and France, where they were analysed and reported upon as possessing the same defects as before. These reports were printed in Government papers.

Desái Viháridás was all this time inquiring of the experts he met as to the means of improving the tobacco plant on his own land and adopted the different kinds of manure that were suggested to him, with a firm hope that he would succeed in the end. But he died on the 3rd August 1881.

Mr. Sheppard, who was his close friend and who took a keen interest in this work, now moved Government to make experiments at their own expense in Nadiád on tobacco grown ordinarily. Government were thereupon pleased to aecede to his proposal and arranged to have the tobaceo cured by Europeans specially sent for the purpose from Pusa (Tirhoot District). They aecordingly did so, and sent the tobacco pressed in hogsheads to England. These experiments lasted for two years and Government spent nearly Rs. 12,000 in them. The result, however, was not favourable. The details of these experiments are mertioned in the printed reports made to Government in 1883.

About this time the undersigned travelled in North India to see the big tobacco factories at Gázipur and Pusa, but unfortunately he was not allowed to see the same.

The sons of Desái Viháridás now took the matter into their own hands and made experiment on a large scale by engaging German specialists and introducing the necessary machinery, both by planting different foreign seeds on virgin as well as cultivated land as also the native ordinary ones. These experiments lasted till the year 1889

The tobacco thus cured was manufactured into many varieties, such as cigars, cigarettes, eheroots, cut-tobaceo, press cakes, \&c. Shops were opened at Bombay and North India for a sale of the same. But the demand was not sufficient to cover the cost of the experiments, for the following reasons :-

1. The tobacco merehants in general depricated the introduction of this new kind in the market as being a rival to those sold by them, and they, therefore, tried to throw obstacles in the extension of its sale, by depriciating it as much as they could.
: 2. The aroma and flavour of the cigars prepared here were somewhat different fiom those of the others to which the smokers are usually accustomed, and they, therefore, were unwilling to patronze the new ones.
2. The experts engaged for preparing, curing and manufacturing the tobacco were not only very well up in their work, and they did not enter into the business with heart and soul, but on the contrary demanded high salaries and the adoption of costly machinery. The result of the work turned out by them afforded, however, no inducement to accede to their wishes.

4: It now appears that the sale of the cigars, cheroots, \&c., fresh from the manufacture was one of the reasons which acted against popularising them, as the same cigars, \&c., when tested four years after by Mr. Ozanne, Survey Commissioner, and Mr. Cappel, late Collector of Broach, were found to have nọ defect in point of aroma and flavour.
5. The shop-keepers who were entrusted with the sale of the articles proved rather lacking in energy and perseverence, and they were thus unable to push on the work, which consequently falled.
Owing to these various reasons the project had to be abandoned after a long trial, the last experiments alone having cost no less than Rs. $1,20,000$.
(Signed) BECHARDAS VIHARIDAS,

## APPENDIX $\mathbf{R}$.

No. 561 of 1863.
From

## Captain C. J. PRESCOT'r,

Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment;
To

> J. W. HADOW, Esquire,
> Collector of Kaira.

Surat Districts, December 5th, 1863.

## Sir,

I have the honour of submitting for transmission to the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., a report on the recent assessment (according to the principles of the Revenue Survey) of the Pargana Mahunda in your Collectorate.
2. In February last I had the honour of laying before the Revenue Commissioner and yourself, personally, the rates I thought suitable for this pargana, and received permission to introduce them; butas no preliminary report was submitted it appears necessary, before stating the financial results of the settlement, to describe the district, the groups of villages into which it has been divided for the purpose of equitable assessment, and the reasons which guided me in fixing the maximum rate for each group.
3. The pargana Mahunda is of an irregular square form, and contains (exclusive of Boundaries and extent of the unsurveyed villages) 248 square miles. It is bounded on the north
by the pargana Kapadvanj and a few Mevási villages, on the west taluka Mahunda. $\quad$ by the pargana Kapadvanj and a few Mevasi vilages, on the west and on the east by Thasra: According to the existing territorial division it contains 103 villages of which 95 are "Khálsa," 6 alienated, and two " Udhad Jamábandi." The details of the superficial area of the 95 Government villages are shown in the accompanying table:-

| Culturable Lands. | Government. |  | Alzenated, |  | Total. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Numbers. | Acres. | Numbers. | Acres. | Numbers. | Acres. |
| Dry-crop ... ... | $\cdots$ | 68,482 | - | 45,722 | ... | 1,14,204 |
| Ruce.. ... ... | . | 13,762 | $\cdots$ | 9,664 | . 0 | 23,426 |
| Garden | . $\cdot$ | 2,469 | . | 2,821 |  | 5,290 |
| Total Assessed Land | - | 84,713 | ... | 58,207 | $\ldots$ | 1,42,920 |
| Unculturable, meluding roads, tanks, village sites, \&c. | ... |  | , | ..* | ... | 6,814 |
| Grand Total Assessed and Unassessed | 21,119 | 84,714 | 26,880 | 58,207 | 47,999 | 1,58,691 |

It will be observed from the above that 41 per cent. of the entire area of culturable land is wholly or partially alienated. The average size of fields is about three acres and a quarter.
4. This pargana is intersected by several rivers and minor streams, the principal being the

Vatruk, the Shedhi and the Mohar. The Shedhi enters this pargana
at the railway bridge, which passes over it between the Nadiád and Mehmadabad stations At Nevagám it becomes the Mohar river, which is the great water channel of the distunct, dividing it pretty nearly into two equal portions, one lying on its western , and the other on its eastern bank. This river is at all times, in consequence of its steep and ' precipitous banks, very difficult to ford, and in the rains almost impassable, not only on account of the heary volume of water perpetually rushing between its narrow banks, but also on account of the deep mud which is deposited by the stream during its course ; and the same may be said of the Shedhi. The necessity for a bridge over the last-mentioned stream will be pointed out further on. It is necessary; not only because the river crosses the direct line of communication between this district and the railway station at Nadiád, but because, in anticipation of the speedy completion of the Neemuch road which passes through Mahunda to that station, and will bring the principal markets of this province and Bombay itself almost to the fields of the cultivators, I have fixed a higher maximum rate than I should have done, had I not been aware that a bridge over the Shedhi river must sooner or later be constructed.

The Vatruk just passes the extreme north-west boundary of the district, cutting off the large tálukdári village of Gorassa from the main portion of the pargana. The water of the Shedhi river, as has been observed in the Matur report (paragraph 4), is not used for irrigation, as it contains a deleterious salt of some kind which, when precipitated on the sorl, renders it almost unfit for cultivation.

Water having these proporties is said in Gujarát to be "chopdu," and cultivators carefully avoid bringing it on their land. The water of the Mohur has similar properties, and is equally unfit for irrigation purposes. It is evident that the water of the "Mohur" is impregnated with this salt during its course through Kapadvanj and the northern part of Mahunda, as Kapadvanj and its neighbourhood abounds with sulphureous springs, and it is probable the water of the river is more or less affected by them.

The appearance of the country is most varied. The southern and western portions are beautifully wooded and more like an extensive park than a mere Appearance of the country. agricultural district. That portion of the district bordering on
adiad is closely hedge-bound, and intersected by lanes, and it is impossible to imagine Nadiad is closely hedge-bound, and intersected by lanes, and it is impossible to imagine
anything more luxuriant than the spontaneous vegetation which everywhere meets the eyea true indication of the strength and richness of the soil.

Towards the north-east the appearance of the country changes as the population decreases, cultivation is more scanty and of a lower order altogether than in the south and south-west, occasioned partly by the inferior skill of the Kooly cultivators, and partly on account of the want of manure, without which "goraru" soil soon wears out.

Here vast plains of waste land called "mal"*-almost the only waste land in the Kaira Collectorate-stretch far and wide, and being treeless give a wild appearance to the landscape. The properties of the soil in the mal will be alluded to further on. It would appear that what is really required to make it productive, is good drainage wherever a good outfall can be found for the water; for I have invariably noticed, in Gujarát, that when the drainage, ị1 black soil, is good, the land is clean, rich, and productive, and where it is defective "khar" soon accumulates, the soil breaks into countless holes, and becomes deteriorated and unproductive.
6. The climate is considerably affected by the annual fall of rain, which averages about 34 inches. When less than this falls, the rivers and tanks do not Climate. get a sufficient supply of water to last through the hot season, and the heat and dryness of the atmosphere increase in proportion as the scanty supply of water gradually wastes away, and from the end of March to the beginning of June the climate is very trying indeed. If, however, the annual fall of rain comes up to the average, the rivers and tanks retain a sufficiency of water to last through the hot season. Even in the hottest weather the dry wind is somewhat tempered by the sea breeze, which constantly blows up the Gulf of Cambay. From the end of July till the end of October this district, particularly the northern part of it, is very feverish and generally unhealthy.
7. Till last year there were no made roads in this pargana. A fine railway feeder is now being constructed whick runs right through the district from north. Roads. east to south-west. It enters the district near the town of Kutlal, and passing the villages of Bhaner and Vadthal skirts the suburbs of the kusba town of Mahunda , and runs thence straight to the Shedhi river, which it crosses near the village of Valla. I would hëre beg most respectfully to suggest that an iron pile and girder bridge should be erected over this river. The future prosperity of the district under report depends very much upon the railroad as a means of grain transport, and a bridge over this difficult river would soon make Nadiad the most popular market on the country side and draw all the traffic down to the rail. A bridge is very requisite for the use of this siagle district; but when it is considered that this road is part of the great trunk which has its starting point at Neemuch, and running on to Clintoi there splits into the two great railway feeders which are, for the present, to connect Central India with the Bormbay and Baroda Rajlway, the absolute necessity for this bridge will be quite apparent. This district will be greatly improved by the road from Thasra (vid Umreth to the Anand Railway-station) which is now in course of construction. I would suggest a branch from Bhaluj to Alina vid Choonel and Hirunj, which would bring all that part of "Mahunda" jinto direct communication with the railway.

A large trade in mowra berries has lately sprung up in Gujarát. Distillers from all parts of the province now visit the jungle portions of the Kaira and Ahmedabad Collectorates, and buy up all the mowra berries in the country. The revised rates of assessment are now about to be introduced in the mowra-producing distriets of Kaira, and the jnereased and increas ing value of this class of fruit trees must be duly considered in fixing the rates in Kapadvanj and Thasra : and as I find upon inquiny that Anand is the great export station, I would respectfully recommend the exteasion to Alina, of the road now under construction,
8. The soils of this district are of the character usually found in the Kaira Collectorate, Soil.
riz., goradu (or white), black, and bésur (mixed), and the usual kind of "Kiarda,", or rice land. There is n 9 "Bhatta," or alluvial river deposit in this district. Towards the south and west the goradu soil of Mahunda is in every respect equal in quality and texture to the best description found in Matur and Nadiád. It is deep, cohesive, and retentive of moisture, and produces every description of crop. Towards the east and along the northern and north-eastern boundary there is a less admixture of besur in the soil, which becomes more decidedly "goradu," and although not so rich as the mixed soil, is in fair seasons highly fertile.

* Mpst not be confounded trith the "mal" of the Deccan or "mal-warkas" of the Konkan,

As stated in my 5th paragraph, vast plains of black soil called "Mal" are found in almost all the villages on the north, east, and north-east boundaries of the district. I have taken some pains to ascertain why this soil is regarded as cold and unfruitful, as it seems to possess most of the ordinary elements of fertility, and have come to the conclusion that want of proper underdraining is the real cause. During the monsoon the water lies on the land, and gradually depresses the surface into large holes, making it not only very difficult to break up with a plough, but by drawing all the mosture to those particular spots the remainder hardens like burnt clay and becomes sterile. Experience shows, however, that this soil is susceptible of great improvement, and after a few years of careful tilling and manuring, very productive; but the cost is heavy, ranging, as I am informed, from 60 to 100 Rupees an acre.

It is very difficult to make natives understand the advantage of draining. I ame of opinion, indeed, that its value is not sufficiently appreciated by engineer and revenue officers in this country, and that it has been much neglected in consequence. At the present time land is so eagerly sought after in every part of this province, and so large an area is now under cotton, that it is of the utmost importance that every available acre of culturable soil sheuld be utalized for the growth of bread corn, and for the reasons given below I am of opinion that some experimental draining might be undertaken with adrantage in the kind of land deseribed above.

The great obstacle to draining in Gujarát is the difficulty of finding a proper outfall; but this diffieulty is not insurmountable, and should not be allowed to stand in the way.

I myself observed the wonderful effects of draining on several large traets of land exactly similar to the above between Bilmora and Bulsar in the Surat Colleetorate, and also on a tract of land upon which the mechanies' houses of the Baroda Railway Company are situated in Bulsár. Two years ago, these tracts were covered in the rains with pools of water, which broke the whole surface into deep holes, making the land useless for cultivation. In one case the railway engineers cut a five-feet trench by the side of the line of railway to keep the roadway dry. Along the whole course of this trench the drainage of the adjoining land is now perfect, and it is becoming fit for cultivation. In the other ease the land upon which the mechanics' ${ }^{\prime}$ houses are situated, has been thoroughly dried by a perfeet system of deep drains, and the effect is surprising, the whole surface being now green with fine rich grass which before was covered with rank and watery weeds. In some of the Surat districts, where the hundabundy system prevails to a great extent, and where almost all the land, good and bad, is included in the several hundas, it is very probable that, after the introduction of the new system, the occupiers will find it to their interest to improve lands of this description by drainage ; but in the district under report, where a different system has prevailed hytherto, and where the Survey system is now introduced, such lands as these are for the most part waste, and will probably remain so notwithstanding their low assessment, upless some of the agricultural eapitalists (of whom there are not a few in the
superintendent of hevenue to immediate neighbourhood) take them up on speculation, as the Mr. Hadow, No 391 of the 18 th Bhow Desan of Nadiad has petitioned to take up the village of of August 1863,

Ajipura, and which I bave recommended to the favourabe consi-
deration of superior authority.
If this description of land were intrinsically bad no suffisient indueement eould be held out to capitalsts to chance their money on its improvement; but it is known to be excellent when properly tulled and drained, and to give an immedate large return for eapital expended on it.

The kiarda, or rice land, is of two kinds-the black and the white, the former being the Rice Lands. more productive as it is more retentive of moistare and more eokesive than the latter. In some villages there are fine beds of rice irrigated from wells and tanks, and producing the superior kinds known as "Kumod" and "Sutursul ;" but very little, if any, of the very best kind of rice known as punkali is grown in this distriet, as it requires to be almost constantly flooded with water.
9. The products of the Mahuada pargana comprise almost all those commonly grown, Prodacts. and in some villages to the south and west adjoining Nadıád and Mátar those mone rarely met with.
In the southern and western villages the kharif, or early crops consist principally of jowári and bajri, pulses, kodra and all the poorer kinds of grain, the kumod, sutursul, and sathi varieties of rice, and here and there tqbacco. The rabib, or late harvest, consists of wheat, barley, gram, and tur ; after which there is a third harvest consisting of late jowari, kang, chena, and many kinds of common vegetables; all the crops generally known as Malleat comprising sugarcane, ginger, turmeric, and other condiments are grown in many villages of this district.

In the northern and eastern villages the ordinary grains only are grown as a general rule; but in many a rabi crop of fine "Chassiá" (unirrigated) wheat follows the kharif crop.
10. In the western and south-western portion of this pargana there is a good deal of irriIrrigation. gation from wells, water being found at moderate depth from the surface in most villages ; but as the Mahi river is approached, and in the villages of the eastern and north-eastern portion of the pargana, the water lies at so great a depth as to be almost unattainable except at a cost of a large sum of money and labour, and even where wells do exist the labour of drawing up the water is very great indeed. This has been duly considered in the assessment,

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The total number of wells found by the Survey is 572 in work and 34 in a ruinous conditiou.
11. Ordinary lands watered from permanent wells have been assessed, first at dry-crop

1st orter of Bhagayat Land watered from permauent wells. rates to which a separate permanent water rate has been added, calculated on a consideration of the real capabilities of each well which being shown in a separate column of the "Physal Patralc" can be at once struck out in case any well falls in, becomes salt, or is disused for any satisfactory reason.

The wells have been assessed under four heads-sweet, drinkable, brackish, and salt-

No. dated 11th of April 1860, to Superintendent of Revenue Survey and Assessment. and the assessment has been imposed in accordance with the instructions contained in the Revenue Commissioner's letter noted in the margin.
12. There is no bhatta land in this district, or rather there is such a very trifling quantity

2nd order of Bágayat or Bhatta lands.
has been adopted.
13. Of the 3rd description of irrigated land (i.e. land now watered or capable of being

3rd order of Bagayat or lands (watered by dhesumes) on the banks of rivers. that no special rate has been imposed. A koss rate on the kosses employed from time to time in irrigating the small quantity which may hereafter be deposited, seemed the only plan, and it watered from rivers by means of dhekuries) there is little or none in this pargana, for, as described in my 4th paragraph on rivers, the water is either "chopdi," or the courses of the streams are so unfavoruable as to prevent the possibility of raising the water for irrigation purposes.

The mode of assessing this description of land has been explained in paragraph 10 of the Mátar Report; but, for the reasons given above, the same plan could not be carried out in Mahunda. A koss rate has, therefore, been put on the few solitary dhekuries which now exists. and will be imposed on any which may hereafter be brought into use.
14. A large proportion of the Mahunda villages are very favourably situated for markets, Markets. as a glance at the map will show. All the villages on the west side of the pargana have the large market town and railway station of Mehmadabad at an easy distance; all the southern villages, the populous and wealthy town of Nadiad with its railway station and immense trade in, and consumption of, grain. They have also the large markets of Umreth and Bhaluj and the small market of Chunel. The eastern villages have Dakor, and only the northernmost villages can be said to be distant from large markets; but even they have "Kutlall," Kapadvanj and Lasundra. The centrol villages have "Muhanda" and Alina, and are almost as favourably situated for the outside markets as any of the border villages.

This pargana has also the advantage of close proximity to the Bombay and Baroda Railway, which runs very near to its eastern boundary. Not only will the better class of villages benefit very greatly by having this means of speedy communication with all the large towns and sea-ports of the province and with the presidency town, but the poorer villages towards the north, east, and north-east will carry on a large trade in mowra berries, which are eagerly bought up for distillation, and can be delivered at the Anand and Nadiád stations. The immense tracts of " Mal" land will, at present, feed sheep and cattle, which will find a ready sale in the Bombay market, and after a short time I trust every acre will be covered with waving corn. Altogether the future prospects of this pargana-as, indeed, of the whole of Gujarat-are most cheering. Wealth and prosperity are certain; and as fresh communications are-opened out, the enormous resonrces of this fertile land will be fully developed and poured forth to an extent which few who are not familiar with the extraordinary productive powers of the soil can believe to be possible.

The respectable and substantial yeomen who form the bulk of the agricultural population of Central Gujarat, are fully alive to the great benefits which will accrue to them from a free use of the rail as a means of exporting grain to the best markets, and it is to be hoped that no pains will be spared by the Railway Company to provide sufficient rolling stock for working the enormous goods traffic which will pour into their stations before the setting in of another monsoon, and will continue to increase as new feeders are opened; for, excepting Lower Bengal, there is no country in India in proportion to its area which will throw such immense supplies of raw material and bread corn into the markets as Gujarát when opened out by through railway communication. $V$
15. The southern and western villages of Mahunda are very densely populated, the centre Population. villages moderately so, and the northern and eastern villages by the Sturvey, is 86,481 , or 350 to the square mule.

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## 3rd.-The cultivating Mnsalmáns.

4th.-The better class of Koolies who have become permanent cultivators, and rival the Kunbis in agricultural skill.

5th. -The poorer Koolies residing for the most part in the northern and eastern villages who have taken op agriculture, but are still nather predatory in their habits and pursuits.
Tha patidárs are generally Kunbis but not necessarily so, as Bhatelas, Borahs, and even Koolies may possibly belong to this class: They are good substantial farmers possessing agricultural capital and stock, and are proud of their traditions and present position. The patidár Kunbis of some villages in this district are so exclusive that they decline to intermarry or even eat with ordinary Kunbis, and form a distinct class of cultivators in whom a large portion of the agricultural wealth of the country is centrod. They are most excellent cultivators, particularly of the superior kinds of malleat crops; and wherever capital is required they have a great advantage, for their position and the weight their name carries in the district enables them to raise money from the "sávkars" when the ordinary Kunbi would have no chance.

The ordinary Kunbis are about one-fourth of the whole population, and to these men the prosperity of nearly the whole of the villages they inhabit may be attributed. They are first-rate cultivators, almost as good as their castemen in Mátar and Nadiad-industrious, persevering and thritity, and in these good times are fast gathering together wealth, which under the Survey system, now introduced, will gradually find its way into the land to be increased tenfold after a few years.

There are good many Musalmán cultivators in this district amongst whom are a few substantial farmers; but, as a class, they are not good cultivators, one reason being that their women take no part in out-door work, which gives the Hindu cultivators a great advantage, as their women are most industrious, and do a large portion of the field labour of the farms.

The principal Musalmain village is Alina, where numbers of pattawallas and others occupy land at favourable rates, which privilege has been done away with by the introduction of the Survey system ; but as the new rates are moderate and the times good I do not anticipate any discontent on the part of those affected by the new system.

The Talabdas, a better class of Koolies, differ little from the ordinary Kunbis, and are, I think, very nearly, if not quite, as good cultivators; but they are, comparatively speaking, new to agricultural pursuits and have not amassed the wealth or gained the position of the old Kunbis, and are not respected or trusted by the trading classes as the Kunbis are. Under the new system this class of cultivators will rise in the social scale, for the old class rates had a tendency to make the Kunbis look down on the Koolies, and to boast that if all the Government rayats were "Koolies" it would be bad times for the Sirkar. All classes find that they are assessed now on one fixed principle, and that the man who gets the most out of the ground by skill and labour is the best cultivator, be he Kunbi, Mussalmán or Koolie.

There is only one class of cultivators who, as a body, don't quite like the Survey system because they don't understand it, and that is the "Chuwalia" Koolies, who chiefly inhabit the eastern, northern, and north-eastern villages of this pargana. They are, generally, very poor, fond of drink and a roaming life, and are certainly not good cultivators. They have no resources to secure them against the effects of bad seasons, and being indifferent cultivators the profits of good crops even are never so great as to admit of the cultivator providing for contingencies after having paid his moderate rent. It does not appear that these Koolies actually dislike the new system of assessment as a system, but merely because it deprives them of the means of defrauding the revenue, which they did to a great extent under the old system by embezzling portions of their crops. They are averse, too, to being tied down to the cultivation of particular fields of fixed size and assessment, and prefer taking up bits of waste when it suits their convenience to cultivate. In the villages inhabited by this class of Koolies the soil, from neglect, want of manure, and many other causes, is less productive than in other parts of the taluka. A low maximum rate has been fixed for these villages which, applied to a moderately low classification, gives a low average rate; and the condition of the cultivators will no doubt steadily improve, more particularly as many will become large traders in mowra, as pointed out in my 14 th paragraph.
16. The system of revenue management prevailing in this tálukà prior to British rule does

Former revenue management of the pargana. not seem to have been dufferent from that of the neighbouring tálukas of Dholka, Daskroi, and Mátar, which has been described at some length in the reports on those talukas, and it is therefore unnecessary that I should make any lengthy remarks on the subject.

For many years after the introduction of our rule the old system prevailed with very little alteration.

1st. - The "Bhagbuttai," or division of the produce between the cultivator and Gov-
ernment, which was generally made on the following scale :-
One-half of the kharif or rainy season crop, one-fifth of the " rabi" and hurri crops if
not irrigated, and one-fourth if intigated.

2nd.-The "Bigoti" or fixed rate per bigha which was divided into three classes "Aval," "Doyum" and "Soyum," on each of which classes there was a separate rate which varied in almost every village according to the species of crop cultivated on the land, or the caste of the payers. Thus, for instance, while bajri in one field was paying a bigoti of Rs. 4 ,- -sugar-cane in an adjoining one of precisely the same quality of soil, but irrigated, was paying Rs. 20..

Again, in one field a "Kinbi" was paying Rs. 4 a bigha while a" Koolie" in an adjoining field was paying Rs, 2 only.

3rd.-"Khátábandy," under which system the cultivator paid a very heary rate on certain lands comprised within his holding which was called the véta, and a lower rate on all the remainder of the lands.
The rates were fixed in "the most arbitrary manner by "Panches" on no fixed principleat least according to our ideas-but mainly on a consideration of the caste, respectability, and wealth of the cultivator.

4th.-"Phato-chass," another kind of lihátábandi in which there was no véta, all lands withill the holding being assessed at one uniform rate.
$5 t h$ - A system of viros on Government land which were cesses in lieu of some one of the above-mentioned modes of assessment arbitrarily levied. Some of these " viros" were on the ploughs, cattle or carts, some on persons or property, some on shops, trades, and houses, and some on caste, as the "Dhárálla" or viro on armed men of the military caste.

The rent-free land contributed to the revenue by means of -
1st.-A "Salámi," or quit-rent, being a certain fixed sum per bigha--Sometimes irrespective of the quality of the land or the nature of the produce, and sometimes according as the land upon which it was imposed was "Aval," "Doyum," or "Soyrm."

2nd.-Ordinary swadio or tax on Government cultivators cultivating alienated land.
$3 r d .-$ Malliat swadio or tax on alienated land when producing the superior description of crops, such as sugarcane, ginger, tobacco, turmeric, saflower, \&ce.
Besides this, the alienated land was in numerous cases indirectly assessed under the "Khátábandy" system by imposing on the véta of the kháta a much higher rate when the holder was a proprietor of alienated land as well as a Government cultivator.

This subject has been discussed at some length in the Mátar Report, and need not be continued here.
17. I would beg to call your attention to the annexed diagram and statement by which

The Diagram.
you will be able to judge the pressure of the late assessment and its effect on the revenue, and by comparison it will, I trust, become apparent that the rates now introduced are well suited to the present condition of the taluka, and calculated to ensure the prosperity of the people and the interests of Government.

Befare looking at the diagram it is probably necessary for me to examine and compare the census tables of the old and present Survey in order that we may judge-

1st.-The increase of revenue payers.

| Accompaniment to the Pfagram for "Mahtada " Táluca. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Pricis Of Graing \& ${ }^{\text {a }}$, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Years ${ }_{\text {\% }}$ |  | Governmpnt Land. Acres in culti-vation. | Allenatedjand. Acres in cultivation. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rental } \\ \text { of Govern- } \\ \text { ment } \\ \text { Land } \end{gathered}$ | Collectrons on Government \&and, | Remis. sions on GovLand | $\begin{gathered} \text { Collec, } \\ \text { tionse on } \\ \text { Aleenated } \\ \text { Land, } \end{gathered}$ | Rate per Acre on Government Land. | Realizations per Acre on Government Land. | Sers of 80 tolas far one Eupes, |  |  |  |
| Samvat. | 4.D. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Ruww | Bajri. Wheat | Rice. | Jowar: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | $\theta$ | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |  |  |  |
|  |  | Acref, | Acres, | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | $\mathrm{Re}_{4}$ | Rs, a p. | Rs, a. p. |  |  |  |  |
| 1896 1897 | 1839-40 | 38,352 41,318 | 49,770 | 1,46,560 | 1,45,062 | 1,498 | 1,02,018 | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 18 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 3\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 12 & 3 \\ 8 & 10 \\ 8\end{array}$ | 8 | 241 <br> 31 | ${ }_{85}^{273}$ | 25 |
| 1898 | 1841-42 .. | 41,318 42,600 | 50,757 | 1,51,644 | 1,50,490 | 1,164 | 1,02,436 | 3109 | ${ }_{8}^{810}$ | ${ }_{5}^{62}$ | 31  <br> 301 20 <br>  18 |  |  |
| 1899 | 1842-43 .. | 43,860 | 51,401 | 1,68,746 | 1,58,507 | 239 | 1,04,105 | 3 3 10 10 | ${ }_{810} 101$ | ${ }_{51}$ | ${ }_{36}{ }^{31}{ }^{2}$ | 40 | ${ }_{85}$ |
| 1900 | 1843-44 .. | 43,786 | 51,040 | 1,59,661 | 1,68,669 | 692 | 1,04,330 | 3104 | 3101 | 7 | 33 22 | 40 | 36 |
| 1901 | 1844-45 .. | 44,242 | 51,071 | 1,80,623 | 1,60,248 | 375 | 1,04,003 | 8101 | 3911 | 8 | 30 26 | $37 \frac{1}{2}$ | 34 |
| 1902 | 1845-46 | 41,857 | 50,693 | 1,53,974 | 1,50,082 | 3,892 | 1,03,664 | 31010 |  | 8 | ${ }^{25}$-19 | 84 | 32 |
| 1903 | 1846-47 .. | 44,873 | 51,358 | 2,63,034 | 1,60,411 | 2,623 | 1,04,005 | 3102 | 3 9 2 <br>    | ${ }^{61}$ | 281231 | 40 | 36 |
| 1804 | 1847-48.. | - 43,7020 | 50,916 | 1,57,985 | 1,58,276 | 1,709 | 1, 10,9644 | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 9 & 10 \\ 8 & 10\end{array}$ | ${ }^{3}-98$ | 7 | 40.20 | 45 | 40 |
| 1905 | 18489-50 .. | . $\begin{aligned} & 42,410 \\ & 44,336\end{aligned}$ | 51,291 | 1,56,204 | 1,32,021 | 23,183 2 2 | $3,03,440$ $1,03,774$ | 3 <br> 8 <br> 8 <br> 8 10 | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 1 & 10 \\ 3 & 9 & 5\end{array}$ | 8 |  | 35 47 | ${ }_{26}$ |
| 1907 | ${ }_{1850-51}$. | 43,368 | 51,520 | 1,59,259 | 1,44,889 | 14,359 | 1,03,477 | ${ }^{8} 109$ | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 9 & 5 \\ 3 & 5 & 5\end{array}$ | 8 | 80 <br> 804 <br> 87 | 3013 | 32 |
| 1908 | 1861-62. | 45,721 | 51,864 | 1,65,547 | 1,68,238 | 2,309 | 1,03,699 | 3811 | $3{ }^{3} 981$ | $\theta$ | 34.20 | 40 | 424 |
| 1909 | 1852-63. | 45,752 | 51,932 | 1,65,889 | 1,65,735 | 153 | 1,03,639 | 3100 | 3911 | 8 | 35.20 | 40 | 384 |
| 1910 | ${ }^{1853} 1854.65$. | 46,699 | 51,846 | 1, ${ }^{1}, 67,084$ | 1,64,169 | 2,917 | 1,03,496 | 3 <br> 3 | 3 8  <br> 3 8  <br> 3 10 1 | 8 | 32  <br> 32 271 <br> 20  | 40 | 34 |
| 1912 | 1855-56 .: | 45,528 | 51,502 | $\underline{1,68,518}$ | $1,65,363$ $1,63,186$ | 159 130 | 1,02,604 |  | 3 3 3 0111 | 8 | 32  <br> 40 20 <br> 27  | 50 | 34 |
| 1913 | 1856-67. | 46,927 | 51,318 | 1,66,028 | 1,06,005 | 23 | 1,02,128 | 3 3 | 3810 | 8 | 264 25 | 45 | 327 |
| 1914 | 1857-58.. | 47,988 | 61,267 | 1,72,325 | 1,72,311 | 13 | 1,02,624 | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 9 & 6\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 9 & 5\end{array}$ | 7 | $27 \frac{23}{}$ | 40 | 30 |
| 1915 | 1858-59 : | . 47,818 | 61,211 | 1,71,291 | 1,71,214 | 77 | 1,02,623 | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 9 & 4\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 9 & 8 \\ & 8\end{array}$ | 63 | $26^{\circ}$ 20. | 36 | 321 |
| 1816. | $1859.60 .$. | - 48,652 | 51,243 | 1,72,958 | 1,72,945 | 12 | 1,02,919 | 3811 | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 811\end{array}$ | 63 | 22 16 | 22 | 26 |
|  | ${ }_{1861.62}^{180.61}$ | $: \begin{aligned} & \text { 60,764 } \\ & 51,788\end{aligned}$ | 51,469 51,501 | 1,79,883 | 1,79,810 | 12 | 1,03,006 | 8 8 8 <br> 3 8  | 3 8 <br> 3 8 | 4 | 20 | 24 | 4 |
| 1918 | ${ }_{18626.63}^{18162}$. | 61,788 | 51,501 $\square$ | 1,81,856 | $1,81,010$ $\cdots$ | 46 | 1,03,013 | 383 | 383 | ${ }_{3}^{4}$ | 20  <br> 20 15 <br> 18  | ${ }_{22}^{22}$ | 22 |
| . 1920 | 1863-64 |  | - | ** | . | . | . | . | - | 8 | 10 | - | - |

2nd.-The increase of agricultural implements and cattle, and
$3 \mathrm{rd} .-$ Whether the land now in cultivation is more in proportion to the number of inhabitants than it was 23 years ago.
This is not a very easy task, as the territorial subdivisions have been so altered since the late Survey that it is very difficult to collect sufficient correct data for a comparison of the whole táluka as it is at present.

I am enabled, however, to make a correct comparison in 58 villages, which will be sufficient to form an idea of the increased prosperity of the district.

In 1823 the population of those 58 villages amounted to 39,551 ; it now amounts to 59,061 , an increase in 39 years of 49 per cent.


The number of ploughs in the same villages as found by the late Survey was 4,749 ; they are now 6,815 , an increase of 43 per cent., the corresponding increase in the same period being-

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\begin{array}{cccccc}
\text { In Daskroi ... } & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & 38 \text { per cent. } \\
\text { In Mátar } & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots . & 26 \text { per cent. }
\end{array}
$$

In these 58 villages the permanent wells in repair at the time of the late Survey were 245, and out of repair 223; they are now in repair 572 , out of repair 34, an increase on those in repair of 327 , or $133 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

The corresponding increase was-

| In Daskroi | $\ldots\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { On wells inerepair } 44 \text { per cent. } \\ \text { On the whole number } 36 \text { per cent. }\end{array}\right.$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| In Mátar | $\ldots\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { On wells in repair } 12 \text { per cent. } \\ \text { On the whole number } 27 \text { per cent. }\end{array}\right.$ |

Nothing can better prove the extraordinary progress and prosperity of the Mabunda District - than the above figures.

The diagram takes in 23 years, namely, from 1840 to 1862 inclusive. A comparison of the first five years with the last five years of the series gives the followng results:-

| $\begin{array}{ccr}\text { First five years } 1840 & \text { to } & 1844, \\ \text { both inclusive } & \ldots & \ldots \\ \text { Last five years } 1858 & \text {.to } & 1862, \\ \text { hath } & \text { nusive } & \ldots\end{array}$ | Average Government Land in cultivation. | Average Rental. | Average Realizations. | Average Remissions. | Average Remissions per cent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Acres. | 'Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
|  | 41,939 | 1,54,456 | 1,53,655 | 819 | 0.53 |
|  | 49,400 | 1,75,670 | 1,75,636 | 32 | 0.018 |
| Increase | 7,461 | 21,214 | 21,981 | ... | $\ldots$ |
| Decrease | ... | ... | ** | ... | ... |

It will be seen by the above that, in about 20 years, cultivation has increased in this district to the extent of 17.31 per cent.

In Daskroi the increase was $4: 30$ per cent. in 32 years.
In Mátar $14: 70$ per cent. in 23 years.
The proportion of land actually caltivated last year (1861-62) in "Mahunda" to the whole culturable area was 72 per cent.

The average remissions for the period given in the diagram, viz. 23 years, amounts to only 1.51 per cent. of the entire rental of Government land, agamst 1.66 fer cent. in "Mátar," 3.64 per cent. in Daskroi, and 6 per cent. in Jeytalpur.

The average realizations per cultivated acre of Government land in Mahunda is Rs. 3-9-0 against Rs. 4-1-11 in Mátar and Rs. 2-1ǒ-2 in Daskroi.

It is unnecessary that I should take up your time in detailing theevident profs which exist of the great prosperity of this district, the increased and increasing material wealth of every village and almost of every individual connected with agriculture, as it is apparent to the most casual observer. Accompanying the diagram is a statement of the prices of the principal grains grown in the district, from which it will be observed that prices were at the average till about 1857, since which they have been gradually rising, and many kinds of agricultural produce are now three times as dear as they were in 1856 .

In no district has population, agricultural stock, and cultivation increased more rapidly than in "Mahunda," and in no other, yet revised, has the proportion of remissions to collections been so small.

[^3]Looking at this-looking at the prosperous condition of the people, the number of farourable seasons in comparison with unfavourable, the large increase in the means of irrigation, it is - clear beyond doubt that this district has, however inequitably, not been over-assessed. No doubt many villages and many individuals have contributed more than their just "quota" to the revenue, many much less; but, taking them altogether, the assessment has been moderate, and the"general pressure of the rates on the whole district easy. As in Matar, the proportion of alienated land to Government is enormous, no less than 49.86 per cent. of the whole area cultivated last year being alienated.

It is extraordinary (as proving that the pressure of the present rates is very moderate) that the proportion of waste alienated land brought into cultivation during the last five years, as compared with the Government waste land brought into cultivation in the same period, is very small indeed, and is occasioned by the alienees who are not themselves cultivators, having indirectly raised rents by the bhágbattai system to such an enormous extent in consequence of the high prices that cultivators find it much cheaper to take up waste Government land, notwithstanding the expense of preparing it for cultivation, well knowing that at the settlement they would get a right of tenure which would in every respect put them on a par almost with alienated proprietors.

Taking all the above circumstances into consideration I felt fully justified in stating, when the meeting of the Revenue Commissioner, yourself, Mr. Pedder, and myself took place at Nadiád (to discuss the future assessment of Mahunda), that the late assessment of that táluka, however inequitable, had not, on the whole, been too high; that is to say, that the entire taluka had not paid a pice more than it was really able to pay even under the old low prices; and I felt great confidence in submitting the rates I then proposed, which on discussion were considerably modified. At the conference alluded to, great care was taken not to raise the assessment so as to cause distress or discontent in those villages and amongst those classes which under the old system pay specially low or caste rates, and in doing so $I$ am not quite sure that the general pitch of the assessment of the pargana was not fixed a little lower than it might have been; but of this superior authority will be able to judge after an examination of the figures showing the results of the assessment, which will be given further on. If, however, the rates prove to be a trifle lower than they might have been, it is a fault on the right side which will be a gain in ${ }^{-}$ the end.
18. I now proceed to consider the grouping of the villages. The peculiarities of, and The grouping. vast difference between, the position of the villages of the eastern and 'south-western portion of this district are so decided that there was no difficulty in making a grand primary subdivision; but the caste and social position of the enltivators has had so much to do, hitherto, in fixing the assessment of land of precisely the same quality that under no other than the fixed principles of the Survey system, which gives certain reliable data to work upon, could anything like a fair grouping have been effected. The villages of Mahunda have been divided into no less than 11 classes, according to the dry-crop rates ; the class into which each village is tbrown having been determined as much as possible by its distance from markets, facility of communication therewith, and general position in the táluka, and, in a few special cases, on a consideration of the amount of waste land therein contained, or: the particular poverty of the Koolie inhabitants.

The following table shows the number of villages in each group, their class, the maximum dry-crop rate, the old average rate, and the average rate according to the revised assessment now introduced:-

| Number of Villages in each Group. | Class of Village. | Per Acre. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Maximum Dry- } \\ & \text { Crop Rate. } \end{aligned}$ | Old average <br> Dry-Crop Rate of Group. | New average Dry-Crop Rate of Group. |
|  |  | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |
| 1 | 1 | 480 | 4137 | $\begin{array}{lll} & 7 & 7\end{array}$ |
| 31 | 2 | 440 | 4.011 | 3 4 40 |
| 18 | 3 | 400 | 3145 | 300 |
| 9 | 4 | 3120 | 365 | 2122 |
| 08 | 5 | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | 278 | 280 |
| 4 | 6 | 3 3 4.0 | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 1 & 8\end{array}$ | 276 |
| 3 | 7 | 300 | $\begin{array}{lll}2 & 2 & 5\end{array}$ | 230 |
| 3 | 8 | 2120 | $\begin{array}{llll}2 & 7 & 2\end{array}$ | 1119 |
| 1 | 9 | 2810 | 281 | 1115 |
| 3 | 10 | 2400 | 1147 | 1510 |
| 10 | 11 | 200 | 11510 | $14^{1} 9$ |
| 95 | . | ..... | [日.'. | . $\cdot$... |

I may observe that, altiough the new average dry-crop rates as compared with the old seem, at first sight, low, yet it must be borne in mind that an immense area of new rice land, hitherto assessed at dry-crop rates only, is under the new system assessed at rice rates, which, as will be seen further ov, affects considerably the average rate of cultivated land generally, and brings it up to the old average. This increase on the rice--the cultivators will feel as converting dry-crop land into rice-is attended with considerable expense.

The only village in the first class is "Valla," which is very favourably situated close to

First Class-1 village. Maximum dry-crop rate, Rs, 4-8-0.
the large town and railway station of Nadiad on the right side (i. e. the Nadiád side) of the river Shedhi, and having many other advantages. By topographical position Valla is a Nadıad village, and might with advantage be brought into that táluka. It contains a population of patidars and Kunbis, and has hitherto paid an excessive assessment, the rates having evidently been fixed by the punches on the unjust principle explained in my 16 th paragraph. The old average rate on dry-crop land was Rs: 4-13-7 per acre, which has been reduced by the Survey'to Rs. 3-7-7; but the entire assessment of the village on all descriptions of land as compared with the ten years' average has only been lowered Rs. 120.

There are 31 villages in the second class group which lies on the western and southern borders of the taluka. Those on the western side are very favourably situated with respect to the railway station of Mehmadabad, between them and which there is no impediment Second Class-31 villages. MaxiSecond Class-31 villages.
mum dry-crop rate, Rs, 4-4-0. whatever, as they are all south and south-east of the river. Watruk. Most of the soathern
villages of this group are remarkably well situated, particularly those on the Nadıd side of villages of this group are remarkably well situated, particularly those on the Nadidd side of Those on the northern side of the Shedhi are cut off from Nadad durng the monsoon, but can get to Mehmadabad. It is these particular villages that so much require a bridge over the "Shedhi," the absolute necessity for which I have pointed out in my 7th paragraph.

The noxt group contains 18 villages, and is made up partly of villages in the centre of the taluka close to the "Mohar" river and partly of a few of
. Third Class- 18 vallages. Maximum dry-crop rate, Rs, 4. the most south-eastern villages adjoining Nadiád táluka on the south and Thasra on the east. Some of these villages are well situated for the Mahunda market; but some have the Mohar river between them and Mahunda, and others have the Shedhi between thern and Nadiád,-impediments which must be taken into consideration.

The 9 villages which form the next group are tolerably near both Alina and Chunel;

Fourth Class -9 villages. Maximum dxy-crop rate, Rs, 3-12-0.

Fifth Class-7 villages. Maximum dry-crop rate, Rs. 3 -8-0.

None of the 9 villages of this group are well situated for large markets; the rate has Sixth Class-9 villages. Maxi- been lowered 4 annas only, as all the villages bave the advanmum dry-crop rate, Rs. 3-4-0.

The 7th group of 3 villages is close on the eastern edge of the táluka, and in the "Má." Seventh Class- 3 villages. Maximum dry-crop rate, Rs. 3.

Syut, Petaiee, and Ghogavarri are the three villages forming the eighth class, and are
Eighth Olass- 3 villages. Maximum dry crop rate, Rs, 2-12.
*Ninth Class-1 village, Wasna. account a decrease of 4 annas in the maximum rate is necessary.

The next group, containing 7 villages, has no near market except Kaloli, which is not a town, only a well-to-do village. tage of the small markets of Alina and Dakiore.
These is close on the eastern edge of the tálaka and in the "Mal."
Thillages, although in the "Mal," are, like the last group, near "Dakore," which is a very holy Hindu shrine and a place of monthly pilgrimage, and has a good market. separated from the above and lowered 4 annas in consequence of local peculiarities and the proportionate large quantity of waste they contain.
"Wasna" is naturally a tenth class village, but having little waste and having hitherto paid a much higher rate, there but neither of these towns has a good market, and on that is no objection to its being put into a class by itself.
There are three villages in this class: one "Hathnoli," a very poor Kooly village, close to Ghorassa, at the extreme north-west point of the district, which from its position seems to require a higher maximum. But there is a large quantity of waste land, and but few people Tenth Class- 3 villages. Maxi
mum dry-crop rate, Rs, $24-0$. to cultivate it; and the only way of raising the condition of the few resident cultivators, and of drawing others to it, is to put on a low rate. The other two villages of the group, Amrutpura and Unaiee, are inhabited by poor Koolies; these villages are respectively on the east and north borders of the táluka in the "Mál" and contain a large area of waste land.

The eleventh and last class contains the worst situated and poorest villages in the Eleventh Class-10 villages. district, most of which lie on the eastern and north-eastern Eleventh Class-10
Maximum dry-crop rate, Rs, $2-000$ . boundary. They all contain a large portion of waste land, been fixed at Rs. 2; but as the classification of the waste mál land is low, the average rate is very moderate, and I have every confidence that after two or three years, when the people understand the new system, very little, if any, of this land will remain uncultivated. It can be brought about in two ways-

1st.-By letting some of the poorest and most thinly populated "Mal" villages to agricultural capitalists at a moderate lump assessment, with a proviso that they should not underlet at rates in excess of the Survey assessment, and that the names of the parties actually in possession of fields at the end of the lease should be entered as occupants.

2nd.-By allowing coltivators "Takári" to enable them to underdrain the land when necessary. But there are other causes which will tend to bring all this waste into cultivation, amongst which I may point out the present extraordinary demand for land, the increasing scarcity and dearness of bread corn not only in this province butall over the country. The bad system of revenue management and consequent insecurity, or at best uncertainty, of land tenare in a neighbourng foreign State is beginning to be seriously felt by the poorer cultivators, who draw comparisons between the prosperoús and flourishing condition of their neighbours in the Government settled districts and therr own; and it is very probable that all those who are not bound by strong ties to their old homes will, before long, emigrate into our territory, and that very little waste land in any of the adjoining districts will remain uncultivated long after the settlement.
19. The statements accompanying the Mátar Report were so very voluminous that I have The figured Appendix. adopted one statement for "Mabunda" in which all"the required information is embodied, and I now proceed to explain the principle upon which it has been prepared. Columns 23 to 27 show the assessinent according to the old system.

Columns 28 to 33 , the assessment imposed by the Survey.
In Column 23 the general average rate of assessment on cultivated land according to the old system is given for each village.

The 10 years' average cultivation has been taken and converted from bighas into acres, which acres have been divided by the average realizations of the same.

The figures found by this plan are sufficiently near the troth to enable us to make a comparison between the old and new rates; but they are not strictly accurate for the following reasons:-

1st.-The "Asrah," or estimated bigha, in common use is always, or almost always,
larger than the standard bigha of the old Survey, and therefore the rate calculated according to the standard bigha is larger somewhat than the real average.

2nd-In some cases it has been necessary to exclade cesses from the amount of the
average realizations from which the average rate has been deduced, because it was often impossible or dufficalt to determine which of the cesses was incident to Governcuent and which to alierated land, and, consequently, this makes the average rate a little less than the reality.
In many of the "Mal" villages the difference between the" "Asrah" and real bigha is peculiarly great, as I shall point out further on when commenting on the effects of the assessment.

It will be sgeen that the difference between the rates of villages close together, having the same advantages, the same soil, climate and bazars, is, under the old system, very marked indeed; the cause of it has been noticed in my 16th paragraph.

Columa 24 shows tho general average rate per acre on the assessment of the acre
old system. cultivated in 1862-63, which is obtained by dividing the assessment according to the old system (in the "Wassuli BákiPatrack") by the corresponding acres, excluding "Peta Padtar," or shares of waste measured into Survey numbers.

Column 25 shows the average collections from Government cultivated lands for 10 years, viz. from 1852-3 to 1861-2.

Column 26 shows the actual collections from Government cultivated lands inclusive of cesses, the cesses being entered below the assessment in red ink.

Column 27 shows the assessment of Government cultivated lands in 1862-63 according to the old rates.

Column 28 shows the general average rate of assessment in all cultivated Government Survey system. in columns 23 and 24. land according to the Survey system introduced in 1862-63; this is to be compared with the old general average rate shown

Column 29 shows the assessment of Government lands actually in caltivation in 1862-63. Column 30, the assessment of waste land included in Survey numbers and now assessed. Column 31, the total assessment of Government cultivated fields including "Peta Padtar" or waste in 1862-63 to compare with columns 25, 26 and 27.

Column 32, the assessment of Goversment waste fields in 1862-63.
Column 33, the Revenue Survey kumal, or total assessment of Government lands.
Columns 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 relate to the assessment of dry-crop land and dry-crop assessment of garden land.

Column 4 shows the average class annas of calturable dry-crop and garden land-5, the maximum dry-crop rate-6, the average rate-7, the Survey assessment of cultivated dry-crop and the dry-crop assessmeert of garden land-8, the assessment of waste-and 9 , the total dry-crop assessment of dry-crop and garden land.

Columns 10 to 19 inclasive relate to the assessment of rice lands- 10 shows the average soil class annas-11, the maximum dry-crop rate-12, the average dry-crop rate-13, the average water class annas-14, the maximum water rate- 15 , the average water rate- 16 the average rate of soil and water combined -17 , the assessment of cultivated rice lands-18 the assessment of waste rice lands-19, the total assessment of rice lands.

Columns 20 to 22 inclusive show the well assessment or Bagáyat kussur-20 shows the assessment of wells in use in 1862-63-21, the assessment of wells not in use-and 22, the total assessment on wells or Bágáyat kussur.
: Columns 34 to 37 inclusive show the assessment of all alienated lands- 34 , the dry-crop assessment and dry-crop assessment of garden lands- 35 , the total assessment of rice lands36, the well assessment or bhagyut kussur-and 37 , the total assessment of alienated land.

Column 38 shows the gross assessment of Government and alienated lands, being the total of columns 33 and 37 .
20. The maximum rice water rates vary in different villages according to the maximum

Bice maximum wster rate. soil rate; being, as a general rule, one rupee less all round than the soil rate. When it is borne in mind that the maximum soil rate is tolerably high, and that a very large proportion of rice land has paid hitherto only dry-crop rates, it will be apparent that the maximum water rate adopted is quite high enough, for a glance at the figared statement will show that the revenue has gained largely by this new item of assessment.
21. It has been pointed out in paragraph 12 that there is no "Bhatha" or river-watered land in Mahunda, and that no separate rate has, in consequence, Bhatte and Dhekuriet maximum rate. been adopted. On the very few isolated dhekuries in usea kost rate has been imposed.
22. The following is a short general comparative abstract of the results of the settlement as a more complete abstract of the assessment of all descriptions of land ts given in the next paragraph, and the details are shown at great length in the annexed figured statement :-

|  |  | Total Ascessment. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rs. an p. | Rs, |
| Average assessment per acre, according to the area cultivated at the settlement |  | 1,86,745 |
| Average-assessment on the same according to the old rates ... | 3011 | 1,90,739 |
| Average assessment by the old rates on the area cultivated in 1861-62"includıng cesses | 383 | 1,80,861 |
| Average assessment by present rates on the average area cultivated during 10 years ... | 394 | 1,69,282 |

23. The following table exhibits the assessment of dry-crop and rice land and the well rate or "Bágáyat Kussur" imposed by the Survey and the comparative result of the settlement, together with the Survey assessment of alienated lands. This is an abstract of the general statement-

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Oomparative results of the Settlement.

| Late System. |  |  |  |  | Suriey Ststum. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ceneral average rate per acre on the collections and area culthvated during 10 years. | Ceneral average rate per acxe on assessment of ares cults vated in 1861-62. | Actual colleco trons from Government cultivated Lands for 10 years from 1852053 to 1861 162. | Actual collece tions from cultivated Gov. einment Lands in 1861-62 and cesses, the latter in red ink. | Assessment of Government cultivated laxds in 1862-68. | Generral averw age rate on all cultivated Government Land by Survey system in 1862-63 to compare with columns 12 and 13. | Assemsment of Government Lands actually in cultivation in 1862-63. | Assessment of Petha Pudtur, or waste gharas in Government Revenue Surney numbers in 1862-63. |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 39 |
| Rs. B. p. | Rg. an. $\dot{\mathbf{p}}$. | Re a. p. | Rs. 8, p. | Re. a. p. | R8. a. p. | Rs. ${ }_{\text {ase }}$ pe | Re. a. p. |
| 804 | 3011 | 1,60,282 00 | $1,79,255$ 6 4 <br> 1,605 9 5 | $\begin{array}{r}1,90,739 \\ \text { exclusive of cesses } \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 21511 | 1,86,744 140 | 18,784 40 |
|  |  |  | 1,80,860 159 |  |  |  |  |
| Survey System-continued. |  |  | Survey Assessment of all Alienated Lands. |  |  |  |  |
| Total of columus <br> 18 and 19 and of <br> columns 3, 6 and <br> 9, being the total <br> assessment of <br> Government <br> cultivated Frelds in 1862-68 to compare with columns 14, 15 and 16. | Total of columns 4, 7 and 10, beng the Survey assessment of Goyernment Fhelds waste in 1862-63. | Survey Kumal or assessment ofall Government Lands. | Dry-crop assessment and Dryactop assessment of Garden Lands. | Rice Landst | Well Rate or Bhagyut Kussur. | Total assessment of Alienated Lands. | Gross assesse ment, berng total of columns 22 and 26. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
|  | Rs. \% p. | Rs. a. p. | Re. a. po | Res. a, p. |  | R\%. a. p. | Re a. p. |
| 2,05,529 280 | 15,265 14 0 | 2,20,785 00 | 1,41,080 100 | 40,705 10 | 5,383 140 | 1,87,119 90 | 4,07,914 0 |

24. The above figures show that the average rates per acre imposed by the Survey on Government culturable land are as follows:-

| On Dry-crop. | On Garders. | On Rice. | General arerage rate per acre on the whole culturable area. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{rll}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 2 & 4 & 3\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rcc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 4 & 1 & 11\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rcc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 4 & 0 & 3\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { ar } & \text { p. } \\ 2 & 9 & 8 \end{array}$ |

25. The following is an abstract of the "Wassul-Baki-Patracks" of all the villages, from which the total difference of revenue realizable under the old system, and according to the Survey system, now introduced, can be seen at a glance :-

| Number of villages. | On account or Govrbnumit Cultivatrd Lande, |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Net Increns caused by the Survey. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | According to the late System. |  | According to the survey System. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Culturated } \\ \text { Acres. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Rupees of Assessment, Samvat 1919 (A,D. 1862-68). | Land actually un cultivation. |  | Waste included in numbers partally cultivated. |  | Total Assessment of cultivated lands by Surpey syatem. |  |  |
|  |  |  | Acres. | Rupees of Assessment. | Acres. | Rupees of Assessment. | Acres. | Rupees of Sarvey Assessment. |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |  | 9 | 10 |
|  | 62,356 <br> .6 | $\begin{array}{cccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { P. } \\ \text { 1,90,739 } & \text { 6 } & 8\end{array}$ | 62,356 6 | $\begin{array}{cccc}\text { Rs, } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ \text { 1,84,703 } & 1 & & 6\end{array}$ | 11, 54131 | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { an } & p \\ 18,784 & \ldots & 0\end{array}$ | - 73,897 37 | Rs, a. p. <br> 2,03,487 6  <br> 0   | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ \text { 12,747 } & 15 & 10 \end{array}$ |


26. 1st.-In the abstract of the general statement (Table A, column 18) the assessment of Government land actually in cultivation is given as $\begin{aligned} & \text { Discrepancies in the above } \\ & \text { statements explained. }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Rs. 1,86,744-14-0, while in the abstract of the Wassul- }\end{aligned}$
entered as Rus. 1,84,703-1-6. The reason of the discrepancy (Rs. 2,041-12-6) is that in the $\begin{aligned} & \text { Discrepancies in the above } \\ & \text { statements explained. }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { Rs. 1,86,744-14-0, while in the abstract of the Wassul- }\end{aligned}$
entered as Rus. 1,84,703-1-6. The reason of the discrepancy (Rs. 2,041-12-6) is that in the entered as Rs. 1,84,703-1-6. The reason of the discrepancy (Rs. 2,041-12-6) is that in the general statement the Survey assens "Mon "Wuntwon" lands in the villages From Survey Settlement officer for reasons explained in the 8th and following paragraphs of to Supernatendent. ${ }^{\text {No }}$, ${ }^{16,} \mathbf{M r}$. Pedder's letter, marginally noted, it was considered inexated 28th of September 1863, forwarded to Revenue Commisioner, N. ., 636 of 311st October 1863. pedient to actually introduce the settlement for those lands pending instructions. The old gross assessment has consequently been entered in the Wassul-Baki-Patracks in lieu of the Survey assessment which exceeds it by Rs. 2,041-12-6.

2nd.-For a similar reason the commuted fixed salami on the alienated lands of "Wuntwali" and "Moholel" will have to be modified on receipt of orders regard-
ing the settlement of those villages, and the figures given in column 12 corrected accordingly.
$3 r$ d.-The Survey assessment of lands entered as Elaidi has been included in the assessment of Government lands, in columns 5, 8, 11 and 20 of Table $\mathbf{A}$, and columns 5 and 9 of Table B. The reasons ciaidi lands. for this will be found detailed in paragraph pargana. The comparative. figures for these lands are as below:-

| Acres of Elaidi Land. | Assessment late System. | Assessment Survey System. | Increase, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{lll} \text { A. } & \text { g. } \\ 940 & 16 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ \text { 761- } & 7 & 3\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lcc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 3,067 & 8 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 2,306 & 0 & 9 \end{array}$ |

4th. -The increase in the amount of reveuue from alienated lands caused by the commutation of all fluctuating imposts into fixed quitColumns 11 and 12 , Table B. rents, is principally due to the following causes :-
(a) Increase in the assessment of lands entered as paying "lcumaldur," or full Government rates (vide paragraph 11 'b To Collentor of Kaira, No. 566, of the Report on the Matur settlement, and regard21st of November 1863. ing which orders are requested).
(b) The excess of asse sment, according to the late system, on the Government lands of khátabandy holdings has been thrown Revenue Conmissioner to (in accordance with the orders marginally noted) Rovenue
Saperintendent, Remevenue Survey, No. 707A of 8th May 1863. on the alienated lands held therewith (vide paragraph 10 (b) of the Matur Report quoted above).
The sum thus imposed on alienated land is Rs. 2,530-6-8. The average collections from alienated land for 10 years are Rs. 1,01,383-0-0 and the increase on that sum according to the Survey settlement consequently Rs. 1,814-5-8.
(c) The conversion of a portion (Rs. 661-6-8) of cesses payable under the late system into a fixed salámi on alienated lands held now, or originally by persons liable to them.
5th.-The total amount of different cesses payable according to the late system and the mode in which they have been disposed of ac-Cesses-columns 15 to 19 of cording to the orders marginally noted, is given in these Table B.

Revenue Commissioner to Superintendent ${ }^{\text {, No. }} 707 \mathrm{~A}$, 8th May 1863. columns. A small portion (Rs. 88-0-11) was last year levied in its present form and entered under the head of "Nagdi Oopaj", or miscellaneous items of revenue, as there was not time to make a proper inquiry at the jammábandy regarding the way in which it should be disposed of. It will be either struck off or commuted to a "Salámi" in the course of the present season.

6th.-It will be observed that there is a difference between the assessment of land cultivated in 1862-63 according to the old system, as shown in column 15 of Table A, and as shown for that year in the diagram. This is oceasioned by the rupees of the revenue of "Béchree" having been included in the latter and omitted in the former statement, Béchree having been attached tó the "Thasra" Taluka. There is on this account a difference all through the figures of the diagram, which, although trifling, it is proper to bring to notice.
27.-Mr. Hadow, in paragraph 23 of his remarks on the "Matur" settlement, has very correctly pointed out the difficulty of basing calculations on a mere nominal measurement, and justly termed the "Asra Biga," the "bête noir" of the Survey.

The Asra Biga.
Printed Report, page 32.

But our instructions having directed us to estimate this "Biga" according to the
standard measure has caused apparent discrepancies in our

From Revenue Commissioner to A. Rogers, Esq., Settlement Otficer, No. 2462, dated 13th December 1859 figures, for it is impossible to estimate exactly, for comparison, what the assessment on the real area actually under cultivation (according to the late system) was at the time of settle. ment, because in preparing the "Pahanee Patracks" the standard Biga, which was not in use, was computed as the real area, instead of the asra bhiga, which was in use, the correct area of which we had no means of ascertaining. But the figures are sufficiently near the truth to show that the general pitch of the assessment has not been raised.

[^4]28. The financial results of the settlement may be set down as follows :-
(a) The Survey rates on the area of Government land actually under cultivation at the time of settlement have lowered the assessment Rs. 3,994-8-8, or about $2 \cdot 14$ per cent.
(b) But as, probably, nearly the whole of last year's cultivated area, assessed at Rs. 1,86,744-14-0 phus Rs. 18,784-4-0 (the assessment of culturable waste included in Survey numbers), will be taken up this year, there will be an actual increase of Rs. 18,784, or about 10 per cent., on the assessment of Government land in 1862-63.
(c) The commutation of cesses on alienated land, completed by the Survey, has the effect of raising the assessment Rs. 1,480, or about $1 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. : so that the increase of revenue accruing under the settlement will, probably, amount to Rs. 20,264 in 1863-64, to which may be added the assessment of the waste land which is sure to be brought into cultivation.
(d) It will be observed that the total assessment of Government cultivated land, as compared with the average 10 years' collections, shows an increase of Rs. 36,247-2-0, or about 21 per cent., and of alienated land Rs. 1,814-5-8 making a total of Rs. 38,061-7-8.
 classtication, $1857.58,1858-59$, Summers, and H. B. Viccajee - were respectively in charge of the operations.
The average difference between measurement and test was $\frac{31}{60}$ ths of an acre per cent. The classification was performed by Mr. Critchell during the seesons 1860-61 and 1861-62, and the average difference between classification and test was-for soil 6 pies and for water 43 pies.

On the other side is given a detailed statement showing the area, measured and classed, the proportion submitted to test, and the percentage of error for both operations, which, I trust, proves that the work was done in a satisfactory manner-

| Totar arra, |  |  | Measurement or Classification. | totar Test tabrs. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No. of | SurveyNumbers Fields. | Total Area of Survey in acres. |  |  | By European Officers. |  |  |  |  |  | By Native Officers. |  |  |  |  |  | Total Test taken. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Survey } \\ \text { Numbers. } \end{gathered}$ |  | Acres, | Total, |  |  | SurveyNumbers. |  | Acres. | Totals. |  |  | Survey ${ }_{\text {Sumbers }}$ |  | Acres. | Totals. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Soil. | Water, |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|c\|c\|} \hline \text { 音 } \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Classififif } \\ \text { per cent } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gication } \\ & \text { t. Error } \end{aligned}$ | Sol. | Wator: |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Per } \\ & \text { ceant. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { classu } \\ \text { tionper } \\ \text { Enr } \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { trica. } \\ & \text { recent } \\ & \text { ror. } \end{aligned}$ | Soil. | Water. |  | ${ }_{\text {Per- }}$ | $\underset{\text { per cent }}{\text { Classif }}$ | cantion |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 号 | Soil. | Water. |  |  |  | ror. | Soil. | water. |  |  |  |  | Soil. | Water. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  | 7 | 8 |  | 9 | 10 |  | 11 | 12 | 13 |  | 1 |  | 15 | 16 |  |  |
| 95 | 47,999 | 1,51,877 $\{$ | Measurement ... Classification ... |  | 3,541 | … | 10,272 9,604 | $\frac{20}{40}$ .. | $\cdots$ |  | 44 | ... | 127 | 1848 | ... | ... | 3,585 | $\stackrel{\cdots}{\text { … }}$ | 10,399 9,604 | $\frac{21}{40}$ | $\stackrel{\text { A. }}{\text { A. }}$ p. | $\stackrel{\square}{\text { A }} \cdot \mathrm{p}_{0}$ |


30. The settlement was not completed till the 25 th of July, and was a work of great labour. I can best show this to superior authority by a figured statement giving the Survey numbers, the recognised shares into which Government numbers are divided, and the number of "khatadadars" or independent occupiers, with each of whom a personal settlement had to be made-

| Taluka, |  |  | Total Surivit Numbers, |  |  | Additional recognized Shares in Survey Numbers. | Total Khatas in thes pwo Theikas, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Total. | Government, | Alienated. |  | Total. | Government. | Allenated. |
| Mátar ... <br> Mahunda | *' <br>  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 48,591 \\ 47,999 \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 21,343 \\ & 21,119 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 27,248 \\ & 26,880 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 33,107 \\ & 49,024 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 21,824 \\ & 22,054 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 12,721 \\ & 13,169 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 9,103 \\ & 8,885 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 96,590 | 42,462 | 54,128 | 82,131 | 43,878 | 25,890 | 17,988 |

From the above it will be observed that the culturable area of "Mátar" and "Mahunda" is divided into 96,590 Survey Numbers, of which 42,462 are Government. These Government numbers are again subdivided into 124,593 recognised shares altogether, occupied by 25,890 cultivators, every one of whom either came before us, or was represented before us at the settlement. Besides the above there are 54,128 alienated numbers occupied by 17,988 persons, most of whom were paying permanent or fluctuating quit-rents of some kind or other, and had to attend at the settlement.

When it is considered that the whole of this subsidiary measurement had to be done within the year of settlement, and the rates calculated and distributed over each recognised share : that in addition to the regular assessment all the complicated. fluctuating cesses on alienated numbers had to be commuted into fixed quit-rents, and the old average fluctuating salámis taken out for every number, before such commutation could be effected, it will be easy to form some idea of the number of figures employed, and the amount of time and labour required for calculating the assessment of these two important districts, the full assessment of which amounts to no less than nine lacs forty-eight thousand two hundred and four rupees.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
C. J. PRESCOTT, Captain,

Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarát.


| Govrenmant ricz Land. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Well rate or "Bagayat Kassar." |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Water. |  |  | Average rateof Boil antwater combinedthe zoil averagerate in column12 belingdoubled. |  in 1862-63. | Assessment of lands 1864-63. | Total Assessment of Government Bim lands. |  |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Avernge } \\ \text { rate. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Average } \\ & \text { Class } \\ & \text { Annas. } \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{\text { rate. }}{\text { Maximum }}$ | Average rate. |  |  |  |  | On wells in ues in 1862-63. |  |  |
| 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Rs. a. p. <br> I. | A. p. | R. a. | Rs. a p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. | Rs. a. | Rs. a. | Rs. a. |  | Rs. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |
| 1144 | 62 | 38 | 157 | 5110 | 30614 | -. | 30614 | 360 | ... | 360 |
| 1144 | 62 | 38 | 157 | 5110 | 30614 | ... | 30614 | 36.0 | ... | 360 |
| $I T$. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1120 | 81 |  | 1103 | 506 | 4278 |  | 4278 |  |  |  |
| 1124 | 94 | 34 | 1141 | 566 | 22512 | $\ldots$ | 22512 | 830 | $\stackrel{\square}{-}$ | 79 89 |
| 11117 | 611 | ${ }^{3} 4$ | 1.66 | 4129 | 4040 | $\cdots$ | 4040 | ${ }_{52} 0$ | .. | 820 |
| $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 13 \\ 1 & 5 \\ 1 & \\ 12 & 8\end{array}$ | 93 | $\begin{array}{ll}3 & 4 \\ 3\end{array}$ | 1141 | 578 | 938 g | $\cdots$ | 9389 | 2006 | ... | 2056 |
| 1128 | 610 | $3{ }^{3} 4$ | ${ }_{1} 162$ | 41410 | 3013 | 07 | 30110 | 322 | $\cdots$ | 322 |
| 1130 | 611 | $3{ }^{3} 4$ | 166 | 4152 | 7085 |  | 7085 | 104 | $\ldots$ | 104 |
| 115 1 1 | 711 | 3 4 <br> 3 4 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 9 & 9\end{array}$ | 5 <br> 5 <br> 4 <br> 4 |  |  | 4464 |  | ... | 496 |
| $\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 12 & 0 \\ 1 & 13 & 9\end{array}$ | 4 <br> 4 <br> 9 |  | $\begin{array}{lll}013 & 0 \\ 115 & 8\end{array}$ | 413 <br> 510 <br> 10 | 4,108 7 | 130 | 4,121 752 7 | 224 | . | $\begin{array}{r}22 \\ 74 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| -196 | 511 | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 \\ \\ & \end{array}$ | 1 1 1 | 413 | 2471 | $\cdots$ | 7527 <br> 247 <br> 8 | $\begin{array}{r}74 \\ 20 \\ \hline 10\end{array}$ | ... | 74 20 |
| 1117 | 60 | 34 | 136 | $\begin{array}{llll}4 & 9 & 3\end{array}$ | 68313 | $\ldots$ | 68313 | 210 | ... | 210 |
| $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 14 \\ 1\end{array}$ | 60 | 34 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 3 & 6\end{array}$ | 4146 | 7910 | ... | 7910 | 150 |  | 150 |
| $\begin{array}{lll}11128 \\ 1 & 12 & 8\end{array}$ | 68 6 | $\begin{array}{ll}3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 5 & 8 \\ 1 & 5 & 1\end{array}$ | 4145 412 | 520 | ... | 520 | 834 | $\ldots$ | 834 |
| 1135 112 | 6 6 <br> 8 2 <br>   |  | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 10 & 6\end{array}$ | 4129 412 411 | 61812 1,5612 | 40 | 61812 1,565 | 4578 | $\cdots$ | 4578 |
| $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 14 \\ 2\end{array}$ | 811 | $\begin{array}{ll}3 & 4 \\ 3\end{array}$ | 1130 | 599 | ${ }^{286} 2$ |  | ${ }^{1} 2868$ | 1010 |  | 1010 |
| 203 | 59 | 3 4 | 128 | 540 | 54 | ... | 54 |  |  |  |
| 1128 | 75 | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 4 \\ 3\end{array}$ | $1 \begin{array}{lll}1 & 8 & 1\end{array}$ | 4147 | 8461 | 18 | 8479 | 12712 | ... | 12712 |
| 1 1 10 10 | $\begin{array}{ll}6 & 0 \\ 5 & 9\end{array}$ | 3 4 <br> 3 4 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 3 & 6 \\ 1 & 2 & 8\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}4 & 9 & 0 \\ 4 & 1\end{array}$ | 89 89 89 |  | 898 | 9214 | ... | 9214 |
| 111011 113 | 5 10 10 9 | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4\end{array}$ | 1 2 <br> 2 8 | $\begin{array}{lll}4 & 1 \\ 5 & 8\end{array}$ | 898 <br> 786 <br> 8 | ... | 8988 | - | ... |  |
| 1  <br> 1 11 <br>  3 | 109 9 | 3 4 <br> 3 4 | ${ }_{1}^{2} 141$ | 5 1 8 <br> 5 2 7 | 476 <br> 159 | ... | 476 <br> 159 | 228 | ... | $\begin{array}{r}5 \\ 28 \\ \hline 8\end{array}$ |
| 1117 | 87 | 34 | 11111 | 5111 | 2,097 2 | 28 | 2,099 10 | 957 | ... | 957 |
| 11011 |  | $3{ }^{3} 4$ | 240 | 503 | 2,817 14 |  | 2,817 14 | 28514 |  | 28514 |
| 1 10 <br> 2 11 <br> 1  | $\begin{array}{ll}8 & 3 \\ 6 & 2\end{array}$ |  | 11010 1 40 | 41411 41513 | 79311 46315 | $\cdots$ | 79311 <br> 46315 | 58 98 98 | … | 58 90 90 |
| 1 1 1 12 | 6 <br> 7 <br> 7 |  | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 4 \\ 1 & 7 \\ 1 & 3\end{array}$ | 4115 4 412 | $\begin{array}{r}46315 \\ \mathbf{2 , 6 2 2} \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\cdots$ | 46315 2,6223 | 908 21712 | $\cdots$ | -90 817 |
| 1 15 <br> 1 2 <br> 1  | 88 | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4\end{array}$ | 112 1 15 | $5 \cdot 9 \frac{2}{}$ | ${ }^{562} 0$ | ... | ${ }^{2} 5620$ | 71 |  | 71 |
| $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 13 & 9 \\ 114 & 5\end{array}$ | 9 <br> 611 |  | $\begin{array}{rrr}1158 \\ 1 & 6 \\ 1 & 8\end{array}$ | $5{ }_{5}^{5} 910$ | 863 <br> 98 <br> 20 | ... | 863 | 25 | $\ldots$ | 252 |
| 1 1 1410 | $\begin{array}{ll}611 \\ 8 & 2\end{array}$ |  | 1 <br> 1106 | 5 0  <br> 4 15  | $\begin{array}{r}242 \\ 777 \\ \hline 14\end{array}$ | 1310 | 242 <br> 791 <br> 8 | 7 13 1 | ... | ${ }_{13}^{7} 1$ |
| 11211 | 78 | 4 | 1810 | 504 | 26,023 4 | 351 | 26,063 11 | 2,245 13 | ... | 2,245 13 |
| III. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1140 |  | 30 | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 4 & 3\end{array}$ | 4155 | 269 |  | 269 |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 12 & 4 \\ 113 & \\ 1\end{array}$ | 6 7 7 5 |  | $\begin{array}{llll}1 & 2 & 9 \\ 1 & 6 & 3\end{array}$ | 4 8 <br> 4 4 <br> 4 10 | 66015 42614 | 110 | 6629 42614 | $\begin{array}{ll}10 \\ 22 & 0 \\ 20\end{array}$ | $\cdots$ | 10 |
| 1100 | 5 <br> 5 <br>  | 30 | 1 15 3 <br> 1   | $4{ }_{4}^{4} 18$ | 1026 | $\ldots$ | ${ }_{102} 6$ | ${ }^{22} 40$ | $\cdots$ | $6{ }^{22} 0$ |
| 1108 | 64 | 30 | $1 \begin{array}{lll}1 & 3 & 0 \\ \\ 1 & 4 & \end{array}$ | 4310 | 31514 | ... | 31514 | 16815 | ... | 16815 |
| 1120 | 69 | 30 | 143 | 4101 | 25810 | ... | 25810 | 120 | ... | 120 |
| 1130 | ${ }_{6}^{6} 2$ | 30 | 126 | 4142 | ${ }^{6} 8$ | ... | 58 |  | ... |  |
| 1124 | 73 | 30 | 159 | 499 | 4202 | $\cdots$ | $420{ }^{2}$ | 24.6 | ... | 246 |
| 1120 | 70 | 30 | 150 | 462 | 5946 | 63 | 6009 | 739 | $\cdots$ | 739 |
| 1138 | 70 |  | 150 | $\begin{array}{ll}4 & 9 \\ 4 \\ 4 & 4 \\ 4\end{array}$ | 8330 | 03 | ${ }_{833}{ }^{12} 12$ | 788 | $\cdots$ | 788 |
| 1 ii 4 | 74 | $\begin{array}{ll}3 & 0 \\ 3 & 0\end{array}$ | $\cdots \ddot{6}$ | 4 9 <br> 4 7 <br> 4  | ${ }_{13}^{212}$ | $\cdots$ | 212 13 | $\cdots$ | .. | ... .. |
| $1 \begin{array}{lll}1 & 12 & 0\end{array}$ | 810 | 30 | 1106 | 4 4 4 4 | 8785 | $\cdots 0$ | 8795 | $\because 228$ | .. | $\ddot{22} 8$ |
| 1118 | 75 | 30 | 163 | 4.93 | 897 | 90 | 987 | 477 | ... | 47 |
| 1144 | 61 | 30 | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 3\end{array}$ | 4119 | 362 | ... | 362 | 212 | ... | 212 |
| 1120 | 78 | 30 | 170 | 498 | 3845 | ... | 3845 | 1113 | $\ldots$ | 1113 |
| 1130 | 86 | 30 | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 9 & 6\end{array}$ | 5111 | 16711 | ... | 16711 | 1415 | $\ldots$ | 1415 |
| 1124 | 66 | 30 | 136 | 4611 | 2048 | ... | 2048 | -31 13 | ... | 3113 |
| 11010 | 67 | 30 | 139 | 498 | 5,420 8 | 180 | 5,438 8 | 58614 | ... | 58614 |

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| Governmant mice Laxd. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Well rate or "Bagayat Kassara" |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Water, |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Assessment of } \\ & \text { lands culthvated } \\ & \mathrm{m} ~ 2862-63 . \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Asegesment } \\ \text { of zondid } \\ \text { Wast on } \\ 1862-63 . \end{gathered}$ | Total Agsessment of Govexnment Rice lands |  |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Average } \\ \text { rate. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Average } \\ \text { Clasg } \\ \text { Annag, } \end{gathered}$ | $\underset{\substack{\text { Maxmumum } \\ \text { rato }}}{ }$ | Average rate. |  |  |  |  | On wells in Use in 1862-63. | On wells not 19 use in $1862-063$ | Total " Bagaya $\underset{\substack{\text { Kassar" } \\ \text { Government }}}{ }$ weils. |
| 12 | 13. | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Re. a. p. K. | A. p. | Rs. a. | Rs, a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Hs. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | Rs. 2. | Rs. a. | Rs. a. | Rs. a. | Rs. a. |
| $\begin{array}{rrrr} 0 & 15 & 11 \\ 0 & 14 & 7 \\ 0 & 15 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rr}7 \\ 11 \\ 18 \\ 8 & 7\end{array}$ | 1 4 <br> 1 4 <br> 1 4 | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 9 & 2 \\ 0 & 14 & \mathbf{2} \\ 0 & 10 & 7\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}2 & 8 & 6 \\ 2 & 8 & 10 \\ 2 & 7 & 9\end{array}$ | 1188  <br> 1,042  <br> 333 9 | 47 47 3 | $\begin{array}{r}118 \\ 1,889 \\ \hline 337 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}1135 \\ 13 \\ 14 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\cdots$ | 13512 |
| 0152 | 92 | 14 | 0115 | 284 | 1,494 0 | 5014 | - 1,544 14 | 1503 | ... | 1503 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 14 \\ 0 & 14 \\ 0 & 10\end{array}$ | 611 7 | $\begin{array}{ll}1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 6 & 11 \\ 0 & 7 & 4\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}2 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 9\end{array}$ | -9911 | $\begin{array}{ll}1 & 2 \\ 0 & 4 \\ & 4\end{array}$ | 10013 56013 | 139 | $\cdots$ | 139 |
| 0132 | 107 | 10 | 0107 | 2311 | 98810 | 314 | 9928 |  | $\ldots$ |  |
| $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 14 \\ 0 & 13 \\ 0 & 4\end{array}$ | 7 5 <br> 6 4 | 10 | $\begin{array}{llll}0 & 7 & 5 \\ 0 & 6 & 4\end{array}$ | 2 4 5 <br> 2 0 3 | ${ }_{3}^{559}$ 4 | 28 | 56112 | 30 | ... | 30 |
| 0140 | 74 | 10 | 074 | 2206 | 5521 | 104 | 5625 |  |  |  |
| 0132 | 71 | 10 | 071 | 214 | 2544 | ... | 2544 | $\cdots 2$ | 0713 | 115 |
| 0136 | 78 | 10 | 078 | 2110 | 237 | ... | 2370 | ..... |  |  |
| 0136 | $\begin{array}{ll}6 & 7 \\ 6\end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{lll}0 & 6 & 7\end{array}$ | $2 \begin{array}{lll}2 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 5213 |  | 5213 | ...... | $\cdots$ | ...... |
| 100 |  |  | 064 | 216 | 14411 | ... | 14411 | ...... | ... | ...... |
| 0140 | 74 | 10 | 074 | 225 | 3,794 5 | 180 | 3,812 5 | 2311 | 013 | 248 |
| 1144 | 62 | 38 | 157 | 5110 | 30614 | ... | 30614 | 360 | ... | 360 |
| 12231 | 78 | 34 | 1810 | 504 | 26,023 4 | 351 | 26,063 11 | 2,245 13 | .... | 2,245 13 |
| 11010 | 67 | 30 | 139 | 498 | 5,420 8 | 180 | 5,438 8 | 58614 | ... | 58614 |
| 1910 | 73 | 212 | 1310 | 438 | 5,649 9 | 2912 | 5,679 5 | 20211 | -... | 20211 |
| 1164 | 78 | 28 | 131 | 3130 | 2,128 2 | 410 | 2,132 12 | 373 | $\cdots$ | 373 |
| 167 | 68 | 24 | 0150 | 3911 | 5,731 10 | 563 | 5,787 13 | 50110 | ... | 50110 |
| 145 | 56 | 20 | 0111 | 323 | 1,979 0 |  | 1,979 0 | 730 | ... | 730 |
| 123 | 711 | 112 | 01311 | 2129 | 22682 | 34 | 2,271 6 | 2829 | $\cdots$ | 2829 |
| 105 | 107 | 18 | 01510 | 2154 | 26214 | 101 | 27215 | 948 | ... | 948 |
| 0152 | 92 | 14 | 0115 | 284 | 1,494 0 | 5014 | 1,544 14 | 1503 | $\cdots$ | 1503 |
| 0140 | 74 | 10 | 074 | 225 | 3,794 5 | 180 | 3,812 5 | 2311 | 013 | 248 |
| ** | $\cdots$ | ... | ...... | ...... | 55,058 4 | 22513 | 55,284 3 | 4,570 2 | 013 | 4,570 15 |



| of tar Struamami. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Remarts. |
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| system. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total of <br> Columns 29 and 30, and of <br> Columns 7, 17 and 20, belng total Government cult vated fields compare with Columns 25, 26 and 27. |  | Survey "Kamal" or Assebsiment of all Government Iand. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Dry-crop and } \\ \text { Dry-crop Aseas } \\ \text { ment of garden } \\ \text { landE. } \end{gathered}$ | Rice Lands. | "Bagayat Kacgar." | $\left\{\begin{array}{c} \text { Total Assesgenent } \\ \text { of Alopated } \\ \text { Lands, } \end{array}\right.$ |  |  |
| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 |
| $\begin{array}{cc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } \\ 1,840 & 8 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Rs. } & 2 . \\ 21 & 8\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } \\ 1,862 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r\|r} \text { - Rs, } & \text { a. } \\ 324 & 13 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Rs. } & \text { a } \\ 28 & 6 \\ 28 & \end{array}$ | Rs, ... | Hs. a. 35615 | Re. a. 2,218 15 |  |
| 1,840 8 | 218 | 1,862 0 | 32413 | 286 | ** | 35615 | 2,218 15 |  |
| Class. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3,673 14 | 1012 | 3,684 10 | 1,258 $\quad 6$ |  |  | 1,435 9 | 5,120 3 |  |
| 2,610 0 | 112 | 2,611 12 | 6291 | 14812 | 491 | 82614 | 3,438 10 |  |
| 1,068 6 | 604 | 1,128 10 | 27014 | 12911 | 122 | 41211 | 1,541 5 |  |
| 3,282 9 | 734 | 3,355 13 | 1,515 1 | 5338 | 7210 | 2,121 4 | 5,477 1 |  |
| 1,049 10 | 1011 | 1,060 5 | 1,105 4 | 24214 | 338 | 1,381 10 | 2,441 15 |  |
| 1,838 13 , | 1413 | 1,853 10 | 5,420 10 | 1,272 15 | 14714 | 6,841 7 | 8,695 1 |  |
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The first portion of the report (paragraphs 3 to 18) contains useful and interesting information descriptive of the pargana. The usual preliminary report not having been made by the Superintendent, he has in the report now submitted furnished all the requisite information on its present state, its resources and the effects on its general condition of the old assessment and past systems of revenue management and other points which it is usual to notice when making the proposals for revision of assessment.
2. As stated by the Superintendent (paragraph 2) the ratos he considered suitable for the different_villages of this pargana were laid by him before the Revenue Commissioner, with whom he had had an opportunity, the Collector believes, of previously conferring, on the occasion of the meeting which took place at Nadiad in February 1863, at which the Collector was present, and after some discussion, which resulted in considerable modifications of the rates proposed being made, the Revenue Commissioner accorded his permission for the introduction of the assessment.
3. The Superintendent probably understood from this that the preliminary report might be dispensed with, or at all events that it would answer the parpose equally well if the required information were furnished in his final report.
4. Captain Prescott, as the Revenue; Commissioner is aware, was engaged at the timewith the calculations for the Matar pargana settlement, and had not the time at his command to devote to the preparation of, a preliminary report in the usual form. Had a report of this. nature been called for before the proposals were considered or before permission could be accorded to him to introduce the revised assessment, much inconvenience might have resulted from the delay. The settlement of the Matar district would probably have been furither delayed and that of Mahunda deferred until the ensuing season.
5. In paragraphs 3 to 6 the boundaries and extent of the taluka, the general appearance of the country, and the climate are described. In paragraph 4, which contains a description of the rivers and streams intersecting the pargana, the Superintendent points out the necessity for a bridge over the Shedhi, where it crosses the line of communication between the district under report and the railway station at Nadiad, and he further explains that this bridge is necessary beeause, "in anticipation of the speedy completion of the Neemuch road which passes through Mahunda to that station and will bring the principal markets of this proxince and Bombay itself almost to the fields of the cultivators, I have fixed a higher maximum rate than I should have done had I not been aware that a bridge over the Shedhi river must soonet or later be constructed."
6. In treatirg of the subject of roads (paragraph 7) the Superintendent again urges the importance of bridging the 'Shedhi river at the spot "near the village of Valla," where the road now in course of construction from Nadiad to Tintoi, and which is intended to serve as a rail way feeder as a branch of or in connection with the made road from Neemuch.
7. As the river is at all times from natural obstacles diffcult to ford and in the rains is frequently impassable for days, the want of a bridge to facilitate communication with the town of Nadiad and the villages on that side of the river and access to the railway must have been much felt by the people of. the town of Mahunda and the villages to the south and south-west of $i t$, and when the construction of the road from Nadiad to Tintoi was decided upon a suitable bridge as an important part of the work without which it would have been incompleté; became, an absolute : necessity, provision in the estimates for a bridge of the description recommended by Captair Prescott was accordingly made, and the Collector trusts it will soon be erected. Incomplete as the road is at present, it would prove even at the present time of the greatest use in fäcilitating travelling and intercommunication between towns and villages north and south of the river.
8. In his remarks on the appearance of the country (pazagrapt 8) the Superintendent notices the marked change, which is observable in the north-eastern part of the district. The villages are poorer and the cultivation is scanty and of a lower order than in the southern and south-western portions. The Collector observes that the appearance of the country is described as being much the same in the northern and eastern portions. In all these parts of the pargana bordering on the Kapadvanj and Thásra parganas may be seen extensive plains of waste land termed "Mal".
9. Captain Prescott considers that the present unproductive state of this land is in a great measure owing to there being no proper drainage for the surface water, and in his remarks on the soil of the pargana he states his opinion that (paragraph 8) want of proper under-draining is the cause of the soil being "cold and unfruitful notwithstanding it appears to possess most of the ordinary elements of fertility."
10. If thees tracts of land have become unproductive only in consequence of the water during the monsoon remaining on the surface and depressing it into holes into which all the moisture is drawn from the adjacent portions which harden like burnt clay and
become unfit for culture, as is described by Oaptain Prescott, a remedy might be found in the adoption of the measure he proposes. This, the Collector understands, to be a system of thorough drainage by surface drains or trenches and underground drains,
11. The great obstacle to draining in Gujarát is, as Captain Prescott observes, the difficulty of finding a proper outfall. It has been tried by digging broad and deép trenchés to carry off the flood-waters in different parts of the Collectoraté, and as long' as these trenches were kept in proper order, they proved, the Collector believes, more or less successful. There are some still in existence but of little or no use in their present state.
12. The Collector thinks that the experiment of draining small portions here and there might he tried with a fair prospect of success, provided a careful surver of the country be first made by the Public Works Department and the planning of the drains be entrusted to an engineering officer experienced in the execution of works of this description.
13. The suggestions offered in paragraph 18 in that part in which the villages forming the tenth group are noticed, for bringing the "Mal"" waste into cultivation are also deserving of due consideration. As the present state of the land is probably a good deal attributable to the villages in those parts of the district where the tracts of "Mal" are met with, being comparatively small and poor and to the cultivators being deficient in energy and skill and badly off as regards agricultural stock and implements. The plan proposed of letting out some of the poorest and most thinly populated villages to agricultural capitalists at a moderate lump assessment might be tried as an experiment and takávi might also be given to cultivators to enable them to under-drain the lañds they might desire to take up. In letting out villages the establishment of hamilets where the lands are extensive and at a great distance from the village site, the Collector thinks, be insisted upon as a part of the agreement.
14. The Collector considers it not unlikely, as conjectured by Captain Prescott, that without offering such inducements to capitalists as he has suggested most of the lands will before long be brought. undén cultivation, provided the soil be not intrinsically bad and if drainage and good tillage will render it fertile. As the agricultural population increases in other districts where there is little or no culturable waste, cultivators will find it to their advantage if they are not actually compelled to emigrate to those parts of the country where there is room for them and where there is plenty of waste land fit for cultivation as in the parts of the Mahunda pargana referred to and in the adjoining portions of the contiguous districts of Kapadvanj and Thásra.
15. The soil of the district, with the exception of that of the Mal, are of the character usually found in the Collectorate. The erops (paragraph 9) are much the same àz those grown in the Nadiád and Mehmadabod districts, but there appears tor be ak greater variety of products coming after the rabi or cold weather harvest than is usually met with in ather parts of the Collectorate. The rice and garden caltivation is by irrigation from wells and tanks, and it will be seen that out of 606, wells 14 only were foutnd not in work, these being in a ruinous condition.
16. It is not stated whether these wells all belong to Government or partify to Government and partly to private individuals, and no information as to the eondition in which the tanks were found to be, is given. The mode of assessing the bagayat lands, described it paragraph 11, appears to be the same as was adopted in the Miohmadabad District. The bhátha land, of which the quantity , if there is any, is very trifling, has been assessed by a kos rate on the kosses or water-bags that may be used in inrigating the land (paragraph 12) and for the garden lands. watered from rivers by dhelkudis of which there appears to be very little owing to the bad quality of the water where it can be taised and to the inpossibility of raising it by the ordinary contrivances in use where it is suitable for irtigation. The method of assessment adopted is the same as for the bhatha lands.
17. As there appears to be very little of either description of cultivation, viz. by irrigation from rivers, it is not perhaps of much consequence how the lands in question are assessed. Had there been more of it, the Superintendent would doubtless have fixed a light separate assessment in preference to taxing the bags used, which is an inconvenient and in other respects an objectionable method. The Collector believes it was at. first adoptedi in some of the Ahmedabad districts and signally failed.
18. The greater portion of the parguna is considered by the Superintendent to be well off for markets (paragraph 14), the towns of Mehmadabad, Nadiád and Umreth besides the town of Mahunda being in the fair season within easy reach of the villages in the centre and to the south and south-west of the pargana. For the villages to the north and east there are the towns of Kapadvanj and Dakore and Aleena, and there are also the market vullages of Kutlall and Luasundra in the Kapadvanj pargana
19. The southern and western villages are stated (paragraph 15) to be densely populated. The population appears to decrease somewhat towards the centre and considerably towards the north and east, where the villages are comparatively thinly populated. According to the survey census the population of the whole pargana was found to be

86,481 or 350 to the square mile. That of the Mehmadabad pargana was found to be 371 to the square mile. The distinguishing classes are described in paragraph 16. The some classes are met with in the other districts of the Collectorate, the Patidar Kunbis being more numerous in some districts (in those for instance forming part of or bordering on the Charotar) than in others.
20. The ordinary Kunbis form, it will be seen, nearly $\frac{1}{3}$ of the whole population of the pargana. In the villages to the north and east the Choauvallia Kolis are met with. They are described as being generally poor and wanting in skill and industry and "fond of drink and a roaming life," It will be observed that the Superintendent has put them into the 5th or last class. As cultivators they are far inferior to the Talabda Kolis, who look upon themselves as civilized (N. B.-Probably so termed from being originally of the same tribe as the Kolis of the Choauval in the Viramgám Taluka of Ahmedabad, who at one time bore a very bad name), and regard the Choauvallias as denizens of the jungle or wild tracts of country, rude and barbarous in their habits and practices and not worthy to be ranked at all as cultivators. The Talubda Kolis inhabit villages in other parts of the district, and in the Mehmadabad Taluka they compose the principal portions of the agricultural population. They have some reason, therefore, to think highly of their position and to look down upon the "Choauvallias,"
21. The former systems of revenne management in the Mahunda pargana appear to be much the same as in the neighbouring districts bordering on the Sabarmati. The Narwa and Khatabundy tenures are, however, more prevalent in the pargana reported on than in the Mehmadabad Táluka,
22. A reference to the table given in paragraph 3 shows thät the total culturable lands bearing the survey assessment of the pargana Mahunda amounts in acres to 142,920, of which 84,713 are Government and 58,207 alienated, being 41 per cent. and that only 6,814 acres are recorded as unculturable waste and in this are included roads, tanks and village sites, \&ce. The average size of fields is stated to be $3 \frac{1}{4}$ acres,
23. The total of the culturable lands in the Mehmadabad District amounts to 149,692 acres, of which 74,886 acres belong to Government and 74,806 are alienated, or nearly 50 per cent., and 19,389 acres are recorded as unculturable. The average size of fields is $\mathbf{3}$ acres.
24. There are in the Mahunda pargana 13,762 acres of rice and 2,469 of garden lands belonging to Government. In the Mehmadabad District there are 13,354 acres of rice and 3,309 acres of garden lands.
25. A diagram exhibiting the extent of Government and alienated land annually under cultivation during the last 23 years and the assessment, \&c., is annexed to paragraph 17, and the usual explanatory statement accompanies it. According to this, for the period which is taken in, viz. 23 years from 1839-40 to 1861-62, both inclusive, the Government land in cultivation varies from 38,352 acres to 51,788 acres and the rental from Rs. 1,46,560 to Rs. $1,81,956$ in 1861-62. For the whole period the average remission is 1.51 per cent. of the entire rental of the Government land. The rate for Government land varies from Rs. 3-8-3 to Rs. 3-12-2.
26. The result of the comparison of the first five with the last five years, which will be found noticed in the 17th paragraph, shows that in about 20 years cultivation in this pargana has increased 17.31 per cent. In the Mehmadabad pargana it had increased 1470 per cent.
27. The prices of the principal grains grown in the district are given in the last column of this statement, from which it will be seen that they have been gradually rising since 1857. This has been the case throughout Gujarat, and the general belief seems to be that there is little probability of their falling again to the average.
28. Captain Prescott is of opinion that the pressure of the old rates has been easy, and the statistical facts which he notices in paragraph 17 certainly appear to justify this opinion.
29. It is impossible, the Collector submits, for a district to be in the condition that the greater portion of Mahunda is represented to be had the assessment been otherwise than moderate upon the whole. Not only was it moderate, but it appears from time to time to have been clearly adjusted to the varying circumstances and capabilities of the different villages and the means and condition of the cultivators, bearing in mind the classes to which they belonged,
30. The Collector believes that Captain Prescott does not overestimate the degree of prosperity to which this district has attained when he states that "in no district has the population, agricultural stock and cultivation 角creased more rapidly than in Mahunda, and in none other yet revised has the proportion of remissions to collections been so small."
31. With the exception of the northern and eastern portions there are visible proofs everywhere of the great and increasing prosperity of this district. The Revenue Commissioner in the course of his tour in the early part of last year had the opportanity of jadging
for himself of the condition of many of the villages and of the people generally and of the style of culture in some of the finest villages, and from what came under hic own observation he will, the Collector doubts not, concur with him that Captain Prescott has given a true description of the present condition of the Mahunda pargana, and that he has grounds for Writing with so much hopefulness and confidence as regards its future prospects.
32. To complete this bright picture, it is only necessary that those extensive plains of culturable waste land which at present have a wild and almost a desert appearance in the northern and eastern portions of the district should be brought into cultivation, and as Captain Prescott trusts "these will be in a short time covered with waving corn."
33. The grouping of the villages is described in paragraph 18. The ninety-six villages are, it will be observed, divided into no fewer than eleven classes for the reasons which are fully explained. The number of villages in each class varies from 1 to 31 . The solitary village which has class No. I to itself, is Valla on the Nadiád side of the Shedhi river and a short distance from the town of Nadidd. From its position the Superintendent considers that it might with advantage be brought into Nadiad, and the Collector concurs in the expediency of this arrangement. He would suggest, however, that its transfer be deferred pending the introduction of the settlement into the Nadiad pargana.
34. The villages on the western and southern borders of the district and about the centre, and some of those to the soúth-east which are considered to be most flourishing at present and the most favourably situated as regards markets and the means of reaching them, will be found in classes 2 and 3. These contain the cost 31 in one and 18 in the other. The villages east and north of Mahunda in a less prosperons condition and with fewer capabilities of improvement and not so favourably situated as regards markets will be found in classes 4 to 0 . The remaining villages which are in the northern and north-eastern and eastern borders (with the exception of Hathnolee, which is in the extreme north-westera point), in what is termed the "Mal," make up classes 7 to 11. The worst situated and poorest villages which lie mostly 5 of the Mal on the eastern and north-eastern boundaries are placed in the last class.
35. The arrangement of the villages seems to have been very oarefolly made, and ander the circumstances explained by the Superintendent the necessity of dividing them into so many classes is, the Collector submits, npparent. The maximum diy crop and garden land rates according to the classes range as will be seen from Rs. 4-8-0 to Rs. 2-0-0. The average varies from Rs. $3-7-7$ to Re, $1-4-9$, which is that of the 10 villages forming class 11 . The average of the old rates is Rs. 4-13-7 (iv the village of Valla) to Rs. 1-15-10.
36. The Collector does not think that the new average dry crop rates as compared with the old are lower than they should be. He does not quite understaud the explanation in the paragraph that immediately follows the table in which the groups and maximum dry crop rates are given.
37. It will be seen from paragraph 20 that the maxinum rice water rates are as a general rule 1 Re . less all round. There are 13,762 acres of Government rice land, the total assessment of which, as will-be seen from column 7 of the general abstract, is $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{i}}, 55,28 \mathrm{in}$ cluding the assessment on the waste fields. This would give an average rate per acre of Rs. 4-0-2.
38. It will be seen from paragraph 19 that one statement which embodies all the required information has been adopted for this pargana. The statement is appended. The Superintendent explains as regards the general average rate of assessment on cultivated lands according to the old system shown for each village in column 23 of the statement that the ten years' average cultivation has been taken and converted from bighas (the Asra bigha) into acres and that the acres have been divided by the average realizations of the same. He does not consider the figures are strictly accurate for the reasons given. As was observed in the Matar reports the chief difficulty is caused by the existence of the Asra bigha which, as the Revenue Commissioner is aware, is.of no uniform size. The Collector believes that it depended as much upon the nature and quality of the soil and extraneous elements as upon the actual quantity of land. Whether it be generally larger or smaller than the standard bigha of the old survey is not, the Collector submits, of material consequence, as it must either way greatly affect the accuracy of the calculations and the comparison of the old and new rates.
39. From the abstracts of the general statement and K. W. B. P. given in paragraphs 23 and 25 , it will be seen that the total survey assessment of all the culturable lands of the district, Government and alienated, dry erop, garden and rice, cultivated and waste, amount to Rs. $4,07,914$, the detail of which is given below :-

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \begin{array}{lllllllll}
\text { Nos. wholly or partially cultivated and entered as } \\
\text { Ditto } & \text { waste } & . & . . & \ldots & 15,265 & 14 & 0 \\
\text { Ditto } & \text { alienated } & \ldots & & . . & \ldots & 1,87,119 & 9 & 0
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
$$

40. The survey kamal or total assessment of Government lands is Rs. 2,20,795. The assessment of Government lands in cultivation in 1962-63 is, according to column 15 of the abstract of the general statement, Rs. 1,86,744-14, and according to column 2 of the abstract of Public Works Department, Rs. 1,84,703-1-6. The difference is explained in paragraph 26.

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Adding the assessment on the waste included in the numbers entered as cultivated, the total according to the W. B. P. is Rs. 2,03,487-6-0, the fixed commuted salamis give Rs. $1,03,197-8-8$, and this makes the total survey assessment and fixed salámi Rs. 3,06,684-11-2 against Rs. 2,94,856-7-4 according to the late system, resulting in a net increase caused by the survey, viz. Rs. 12,528-3-10. Adding to this Rs 5,719-15-6 on account of miscellaneous items,the total gross or realizable revenue according to the survey settlement amounts to Rs. 3,12,404-10-8. From this have to be deducted as remission for one year on account of the assessment having been increased by the survey Rs. $46,150-5-3$, which leaves us the actual jamábandi or revenue to be realized Rs. 2,66,274-5-3, of which had been collected up to 31st July 1863 Rs. 2,59,201-12-8. Deducting from this the Fazal amounting to Rs. 33,264-10-11, of which Rs. 17,489-5-0 were returned to the parties entitled to receive it at the time of the settlement, leaving Rs. 7,416-5-0 to be refunded, the balance outstanding on the 1st August was Rs, 40,337-3-6.
41. A short general abstract of the results of the settlement is given in paragraph 22 as follows :-

| at the seltlement,Average assessment on the same according to the old $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { Total Assessment, Rs. } \\ \text { rates. } 3-0-11 . \\ \text { Total Assessment Rs. } \\ \text { Average assessment by the old rates on the area cultivated } \\ \text { in } 1861-62 \text { including cesses. }\end{array} \begin{array}{l}\text { Rs. 3-8-3. } \\ \text { Total Assessment Rs. } \\ \text { Rs 3-9-4. } \\ \text { caltivated during ten years. }\end{array}\right.$ |  |
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42. The financial effects of the settlement in the year of settlement is an increase of Rs. 12,528-3-10.
43. It is explained in paragraph 28 that the survey rates on the area of Government land actually under cultivation at the time of settlement lowered the assessment by Rs. 3,991-8-8 or $2 \cdot 14$ per cent. An increase of revenue accruing under the assessment, on account of Government and alienated lands, is for 1863-64 compared with 1862-63 of Rs. 20,264 as anticipated by the Superintendent, to which may have to be added the assessment on the waste land (entire numbers) brought into cultivation.
44. The total assessment of Government cultivated land for 1862-63 compared with the average ten years' collections (ride para. 28) shows an inerease of about 21 per cent.
45. The settlement was completed on the 25th July. The date on which it was commenced is not given. The settlement of the Matar now Mehmadabad pargana commenced on the 16th May and was completed on the 24th July, so the settlements of the two parganas occupied about $2 \frac{1}{2}$ months. The cause of the lateness of the settlement is fully explained in paragraph 30 . The same difficulties owing to the number of subsidiary measurements and the number of recognised sharers of Government numbers with whom persoual settlements bad to be made and the varieties of cesses that had to be fixed, in caleulating the rates which had been encountered in the Matar settlement and which required time and great labour to surmount, were experienced in introducing the assessment into the Mahunda pargana.
46. As in the Matar pargana the completion of the general settlement was further delayed by the settlement of the alienated lands which was also undertaken.
47. In conclusion, the Collector would respectfully sabmit that the revision of the assessment of this pargana has been very carefully made by the Superintendent and that the financial results of the settlement are very satisfactory and creditahle to Captain Prescott and Mr. G. W. Pedder.
48. The Collector is further respectfully of opinion that the settlement should be confirmed and the usual Government guarantee for 30 years obtained.

(Signed) A. H. SPRY,

Käira Collector's Office,
Kharamsad, 13th May 1864.

No. 1694 op 1864.
To
The Honourable A. D. RobertSON, Secretary to Government.

Bombay.

# Refenua Departnent. <br> Matheran, 3rd June 1864. 

## Sir,

I have the honour to submit 'Captain Prescott's report
Recelved with Collector's endorsement No. 510, dated the 13th May 1864.

No. 561, dated the 5th December last, on the revision of assessment in the Mahuda Taluka of the Kaira Collectorate.
2. The report was received from the Press only a short time agn, and its transmission was further delayed until the Collector sent his remarks.
3. Mahuda, it will be observed, is the second district in Kaira broaght under the .new survey, the first revised district being Mehmadabad

Vide my letter No. 1288 of 29th April 1864. . (late Matar), the settlement of which has been reported for the orders of Government.
4. As stated by Captain Prescott, his first proposals regarding rates, \&c., were modified consequent on the discussion I had with him and the Collector at Nadiad in my tour of 1862-63; and the rates now submitted for the sanction of Government have been adopted by Captain Prescott after deliberation and with the concarrence of the Collector and myself. And the details of the settlement having been fully described in the report, I confine myself to giving only a few principal figures for easy reference.
5. The táluka of Mahuda contains 103 villages of which 95 are khalsa or Government villages, 6 are alienated, and the remaining two are villages held on payment of a fixed lump assessment (Udhad Jamábandi). The superficial area of the 95 Government villages is 248 square miles.
6. The total cultivable area of the district is 142,920 acres, of which

Government Alienated:-
$68,482+45,722=114,204$ acres are dry-crop land
$13,762+9,664=23,426$ ditto ricelands, and
$2,469+2,821=5,290$ ditto garden lands.

Here as in Mehmadabad the large proportion of alienated lands ( 41 per cent. of the entire cultivable area) is a noticeable feature. The small extent of garden lands is also worthy of notice ; the district depends for its irrigation chiefly on wells; for though it is intersected by several rivers and streams, they are useless for irrigation on account of the bad quality of the water. There is consequently little or no land watered from rivers. There is also a very trifing quantity of land formed by alluvial deposits (bhatha). The small quantity of these two descriptions of land is stated by Captain Prescott as the reason for the method adopted in assessing such lands in Mahudha, a kos rate having been fixed instead of separate garden and water rates.
7. The extent of the unculturable lands in the district is 6,814 acres, and the total of the culturable and unculturable lands, $1,558,691$ acres, is divided by the survey into 47,999 numbers. The ayerage size of fields is thus about 3 acres and a quarter. Small as this average is, there is actually still further subdivision; for it will be seen from Captain Prescott's 30th paragraph that there are, besides the 47,999 numbers of the survey, 49,024 additional recognized shares. The total number of shares in the possession of separate individuals is therefore 97,003 , and the average extent of shares in separate cultivation is thus only a little more than an acre and a half. And when it is remembered that the unoccupied waste land is divided by the survey into only a few numbers of large blocks the size of occupied fields appears still smaller, the minute subdivision being confined to cultivated lands.
8. The villages of the district are classed into 11 groups which are given below with the maximum and average dry-crop rates of each :-

| Class. |  |  |  | No. of Vulages, | Maximum dry crop rate. | Average rate, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Rs. a, p. | Rs. an. p. |
| 1st | -0¢ | $\ldots$ | ... | 1 | 480 | 377 |
| 2nd | $\cdots$ | ... | .- | 31 | 440 | 340 |
| 3 rd | . | - | . | 18 | 400 | 300 |
| 4th* | ... | *** | . | 9 | 312.0 | 2122 |
| 5th | ... | - | $\cdots$ | 7 | 380 | 280 |
| 6th | ... | . | -** | 9 | 340 | 276 |
| 7 th | ... | ... | .. | 3 | 300 | 230 |
| 8th | ... | .. | $\cdots$ | 3 | 2120 | 1119 |
| 9 9th |  | ... | .. | 1 | 280 | 1115 |
| 10th |  |  | .. | 3 | 240 | 1510 |
| Ilth | ... |  |  | 10 | 200 | 149 |

Thinly populated villages, the inhabitants of which are poor, unskilful and unthrifty cultivators, and in which there is a large quantity of arable waste land called "Mal," have been properly assessed at a low maximum rate.
9. The average rates per acre imposed by the survey on Government cultivable lands are as follows:-

General rate per acre, Rs. 2-9-8.
10. The total result of the survey assessment is shown below :-

| Total assessment of Government cultivated lands |  |  |  |  |  |  | ... | … | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { Rs. } \\ 2,05,529 \\ 15,265 & \text { a. } \\ 14 & p_{0} \\ 0 \end{array}$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | waste lands | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Government | cultiv | ted 2 | d wa |  | ... | $\ldots$ | . | 2,20,795 |  |  |
| Do, | allenated | ..- | .- | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | 1,87,119 |  |  |
|  | of all the ara | be la | ds of | ed |  | - | * |  | 07,914 |  |  |

11. The total assessment of Government cultivated lands in 1862-63, the year of the introduction of the survey settlement, is Rs. 2,03,487-5-6. The cesses, quit-rents \&c., on alienated lands commuted into fixed payments amount to Rs. 1,03,197-5-8, which, when added to the above item, gives a total of Rs. 306,684-11-2; and as the amount according to the late system was Rs. 2,94,156-7-4, there is an increase of Rs. 12,528-3-10 from the survey in the year of its introduction. Adding Rs. 5,719-15-6 on account of miscellaneous items to Rs. 3,06,684-11-2, the total gross revenue under the survey in 1862-63 amounts to Rs. 3,12,404-10-8, of which Rs. 46,130-5-5 were granted as remissions in the year of the settlement in accordance with the usual practice.
12. The total realizable revenue accord ing to the survey is Rs. 3,23,992-5-8 as shown below :-
13. It may be remarked that, as in Mehmadabad, the kamál and other figures given in the preceding paragraphs will be somewhat modified by some of the circumstances alluded to in paragraph 4 of the Mehmadabad report.
14. The financial results of the survey settlement are thus sammed ap by Captain Prescott :
(a) The survey rates on the area of Government land actually under cultivation at the time of settlement have lowered the assessment Rs. 3,994-8-8, or about $2 \cdot 14$ per cent.
(b) But as, probably, nearly the whole of last year's cultivated area, assessed at Rs. 1,86,744-14-0 plus Rs. 18,784-4 (the assessment of culturable waste included in survey numbers) will be taken up this year, there will be an actual increase of Rs. 18,784, or about 10 per cent. on the assessment of Government land in 1862-63.
(c) The commutation of cesses on alienated land, completed by the survey, has the effect of raising the assessment Rs. 1,480 or about $1 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., so that the increase of revenue accruing under the settlement will, probably, amount to Rs. 20,264 in 186:364, to which may be added the assessment of waste land, which is sure to be brought into cultivation.
(d) It will be observed that the total assessment of Government cultivated land, as compared with the average 10 years' collections, shows an increase of Rs. 36,247-2 or about 21 per cent., and of alienated land Rs. 1,814-5-8, making a total of Rs, 3e, 061-7-8.
15. I now request the sanction of Government to the rates proposed and to the usual guarantee being given for the period of 30 years.
16. Many of the difficulties which attended the settlement of Mehmadabad were met also in Mahudha, and I need hardly repeat that the work done is highly creditable to the exertions of Captain Prescott and Mr. Pedder.
17. The Collector's report, which is appended, contains little more than a resumé of Captain Prescott's report, and does not require separate remark:

18, Captain Prescott's suggestions regarding roads, bridges and drainage may be transferred to the Public Warks Department for consideration.
19. With reference to Captain Prescott's suggestions in his 18 th paragraph for bringing into cultivation waste lands, I will advise the Collector to forward for disposal any offers that may be made to lease them in the lump.

I have, \&e.,
(Signed) B. H. ELLIS, Revenue Commisaioner, $\mathrm{N}_{4} \mathrm{D}_{\text {* }}$

## Revenué Surcey and Assessment.

No. 2740 of 1864.
Refende Departigent.
Bombay Castle, 28th July 1864.
Letter from the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., No. 1694, dated 3rd June 1864-Submitting, with his observations and opinion, a report by the Superintendent Revenue Sucvey
and Assessment, Gujarát, on the revision of assessment in the Mahudha Táluka of the Kaira Collectorate.

Resoletion.-The Honourable the Governor in Council observes that in the Mahudha Taluka, the second of the Kaira districts brought under settlement, the villages have been divided into 11 groups having maximum dry-crop rates varying from Rs. 4-8-0 to Rs. 2 per acre. The difference between these rates is great, but Captain Prescott's report shows the care and attention which has been given to the subject, and His Excellency in Cotancil is pleased to confirm the proposed settlement which should be guaranteed for 30 years.
2. The Survey rates on the area of Government land actually under cultivation at the time of settlement have lowered the assessment Rs. $3,994-8-8$ or about $2 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent. ; but as a set-off to this decreased demand there is an increase of Ks. $1,480-8.7$ or about $1 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the fluctuating cesses, quit-rents, \&c., by their commutations into fixed payments, together with the prospect of increase of Rs. 18,784-4-0 in the following year, by the assessment on waste included in the survey numbers under occupation, to which may be added the waste lands sure to be brought into cultivation.
3. With respect to the "Mal" lands to which Captain Prescott refers in his 5th to 8th paragraphs, the Governor in Council considers that the question of their drainage should be referred to the Public Works Department before any steps are tuken for leasing portions of them, in order that the construction of the necessary drains may form a condition of the leases, for the subject is of importance in a sanitary as well as financial point of view. Captain Prescott in his account of the climate (paragraph 0 ) of the district, describes the northern part as feverish and generally unhealthy, and this (vide paragraph 5, also paragraph 15) appears to correspond with the portion in which the "Mal" lands prevail.
4. The proposed transfer of Valla to the Nadiád Pargana should be considered when the Survey is there introduced.
5. Extract paragraphs 4 to 8 and 18 (clause 5) should be transferred for consideration to the Public Works Department, with extract paragraphs 3 and 5 of this Resolution, and extract paragraph 14 should similarly be transferred to the Public Works Department.
6. The imposition of an extra cess of one anna in each rupee of assessment for roads and education iṣ also sanctioned.
7. The evident care with which the report has been prepared is very creditable to Captain Prescott.
(Signed) H. E. JACOB,
Officiating Under Secretary to Government.
The Revenue Commissioner, N. D.
The Public Works Department of the Seeretariat (with a copy of Captain Prescott's report.)

No. 418 or 1865

## From

## Captain C. J. Prescotr,

Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarât;
To
A. A. BORRADAILE, Esq.,

Acting Collector of Kaira.
Superintendent's Office, Surat, 25th November 1865.
Sir,-I have the honour of submitting proposals for the assessment (on the principles of the Revenue Survey) of the Nadiád Táluka of your Collectorate, and request the favour of your forwarding the same to the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., . with any remarks you may consider necessary.
2. Nadiád is in the centre of the Kaira Collectorate; it is cortained in an irregular figure about 30 miles in breadth from east to west, and varying in

Boundaries and extent of district. . north by the talukas of Mahunda and Thasrah, on the east by a few "Mehwisi" villages and the Máhi river, on the south by the tallaka of Borsad and part of the Petlád pargana of His Highness the Gáikwâr, and on the west by the tálnka of Mehmadabad.

Number of villages.
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3. As at present constituted it contains 88 villages, 73 of which are khálsa. Of these 47 are sénja and 26 narwa.

Superficial area.
4. The superficial area of these 73 villages is $222 \frac{1}{2}$ square statute miles, divided by the Survey as under:-

| Culturable Lands. |  |  | Govienment. |  | Aximmatzd. |  | Toris. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Numbers | Acres, | Numbers. | Acres. | Nambers. | Acres. |
| Dry-crop | -* | ... | ... | 53,126-23 | -- | 52,864.34 | 7 | 106,991 17 |
| Rice | ... | ... | ... | 5,101•8 | ... | 4,196-17 | .. | 9,297 25 |
| Garden | ... |  | . | 6, 0720 | - | 5,922 34 | ... | 11,930 14 |
|  |  |  | 22,401 | 64,235-11 | 26,029 | 63,884*5 | 48,430 | 128,219 16 |
| Unculturable, incluling romds, tanks, village sites, \&c. ... ... |  |  | 1,043 | 14,284.35 | .. | ..... | 1,043 | 14,284•35 |
| Grand Total .. |  |  | 23,444 | 78,520.6 | 26,029 | 63,984.5 | 49,473 | 142,50才 11 |

5. The only river in Nadiád is the "Shedhi," the water of wanich is very peculiar.

Rivers, It cannot be called brackish, but it holds some deleterious salt in solution, which is very inmical to vegetation. The natives say that it 1 s "chopdu" and useless for irrigational purposes, as it-destross

Printed Report, page 2. the fertility of the land over which it flows. This has been described in paragraph 4 of the Mahunda Report.
6. The appearanee of the country is most striking, and it is probable that it would be diffieutt to find a mecher looking or more fertile district in the Appearance of the country. $\begin{gathered}\text { diffientt to find a sicher looking or more fertile district in the } \\ \text { world. It is generally level, but diversified in parts with }\end{gathered}$
light undulations. The villages themselves are large, neatly bult, and in fine order. slight undulations. The villages themselves are large, neatly bult, and in fine order.
Noble, umbrageous fruit trees grow in almost all the lands, and are conserved with the greatest care. The lands of almost all the western and southern villages are closely hedgebound, and altogether the appearance of the district is most pleasing.
7. The climate is very similar to that of the neighbouring district of Mebmadabad. The clumate. . I find that the fall of rain registered at Kaira-distant about to $1861_{z} 322^{59}$ inches. Th $2_{2}$ miles from Nadiad-averaged in the 21 jears from 1840 sive, but is tempered considerably by the sea breeze (blowing up the Gulf of Cambay), which reaches the southern and western portions of this district.
$\checkmark$ 8. Up to within the last 3 years there were no made roads in Nadiad, the deep sandy Roads. tracks going by that name having sufficed for the carrying of the agricultural produce of the finest and richest district in the Bombay Presidency. As Nadaád is now within 13 hours of Bombays and an hour and a half of Ahmedabad, by railway, and very favourably situated, \& very fine rallway feeder is being constructed, which will eventually conneet Central India with this station. Commencing at Neemuch, it runs on to Tintor, where it divides into two branches, the one under notice coming down to Nadiád viá Kapadvanj. A sanction for a bridge over the "Shedhi"-without which this road would be useless-has been obtained, and the sooner it is constructed the better it will be for this district. The fine village of "Bhálaj" has been connected with the railway by the feeder from the right or western bank of the Mahi at Padi to the Anard Railway Station. This road will be of the greatest possible advantage to the eastern and south-eastern portions of the Nadiad District. I think it is to be regretted that it has been deeided not to lay a tramway on this railway feeder, as it appears to me to be one of the most important lines in Gujarát, now that the Panch Maháls has become a British province.
9. Starting at Anand, it runs through the important villages noted in the margin,

Great value of a tramway from which alone (and without taking the neighbouring country Anand.

| Name. |  |  | Inhabitants. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | - |
| Bhalaj <br> Umreth <br> Dakore <br> Thásra <br> Ungaria |  | - | '2,609 |
|  | $\ldots$ | . | 13,419 |
|  | *.. | $\ldots$ | 8,000 |
|  |  | $\ldots$ | 2,987 |
|  | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 1,293 |
|  |  |  | 28,308 | into consideration at all) contain a well-to-do population of 28,308 souls, which is 943 to the $\cdot$ lineal mile, the line being only 30 miles from the Anand station to the Mahi. If a tramway were to be laid on this road, and a bridge made over the Mahi at Pali-

(a) The trade of an extensive portion of Central India would be developed.
(b) The Panch Maháls (now a British province containing a million acres of most fertile land, a large portion of which is waste) would be thoroughly opened
out, capital and population would flow in, and immense tracts of land, now waste, would be covered with corn, oil seeds, sugarcane, and tohacco.
(c) An immense forest tract would be opened out, and wood and timber depôts. might be established along the tramway.
(d) It would develope the resources of the Native States of Báriya, Sunth, and Lunávada.
(e) It would afford a ready means of access to all classes to the great Hindu shrine of Dakor, which is visited annually by more than 200,000 of Her Majesty's native subjects.

- 10. I hope this will not be considered a digression, as 'the future prosperity of Nadiád depends upon the opening out of the Panch Mahals. The redundant population of this and the neighbouring district of Borsad must move eastward very shortly, for all good lands and all of moderate quality are occupied, so any yearly increase in food can scarcely be looked for. A tramway into the Panch Mahals would at once draw out this redundant population, which will never move till the means are brought to its door.

11. The soil in this taluka is for the most part rich "goradu," of the very best Soil. kind, very different from the poor sandy lands which are called "goradu" in the Ahmedabad Collectorate. It is a very fine mould, full of organic matter, and with the help of water will grow anything. The "kiarda" or rice soil, is of two kinds; the best a tolerably rich "besur," or mixed blackish loamy soil, and converted "goradu." Wherever this rich "goradu" soil prevails the fields are enclosed with fine live hedges of the milkbush, noble trees everywhere abound and all nature seems to partake of the richness of the soil. Universal cultivation, fine villages, and every proof of plenty and comfort are visible to the most casual beholder.
12. Nadiad produces all the superior "kbarif" and "rabi" crops, as well as the Agricultural produce. ordinary grains of the country.
The "kharif" ordinary crops consist principally of bajri, pulses, kodra, and cther poorer descriptions of grain ; and rice and tobacco are also grown as "kharif" crops.

The "rabi" consists of wheat, late tobacco, \&c. ; and the "harri," or hot weather crop, consists of late jowar, kang, and gram.
13. The " maliát," or superior description of crop, consists of ginger, kasumba, tobacco, turmeric, and sugarcane.
14. By far the most valuable article of produce is the tobacco, which is the finest

The tobacco of Nadidd. . grown in this part of India, and seems equal in every respect prising that people so thoroughly conversant with the rearing and management of this valuable herb, should know nothing whatever of its preparation for the European market. As the railway now places Nadiád within easly distance of Bombay, it is not likely that this state of things will continue. As long as Nadiad remained a terra incoguita it was content to send its tobacco to the markets of Central India, prepared in a rude and unfinished manner. Being now, as regards time, close to Bombay, the people of Nadiád must get up their tobacco for the European market, and it is to be hoped that in these speculative days some men of capital and experience will establish a tobacco manufactory, with machinery and all other necessary appliances for producing cigars and cut tobacco of: different denominations. There can be no doubt that the tobacco trade will be the staple of Nadiad and the adjoining taluka of Borsad in a very few years. The Pondicherry tobacco has already taken a place in the home market, and there seems to be no reason for doubting that Nadiad could compete with Pondicherry to
Tobacco not confined to Nadidad tadusk. advantage. The growth of tobacco is not however entirely neighbouring districts, produce it very largely and equally good in quality. $\checkmark$
15. Tobacco is grown either with or without irrigation. The one is called "peet," the other "korat."
16. The "peet" produces twice as much as the "korat," but the one is very coarse in fexture, and only of about half the value of the other in the market.
17. Irrigated tobacco does not require absolutely sweet water; in fact the cultivators
 One acpe requires from 31 to 52 loads of manure. It is found that the deeper the land is ploughed the better the tobacco, and the yield depends in a very great measure upon the quality as well as the quantity of the manure. About 13,000 plants will grow in one acre of land. As soon as there has been a heavy fall of rain the cultivation commences. The seed is sown on a well prepared bit of ground, and after about a month and a half the young plants are ready, and are then transplanted. The field is scored across in squares by means
of a heavy longtoothed raké, and on each point of intersection a plant is set. The planting out goes on in August and part of September. If no rain falls the plants require watering after having taken root, and from the cessation of the rains, they require constautly water--ing about every nine days till they arrive at maturity. The tobacco takes about five and a half months to ripen. As soon as it is ripe it is carefully examined and divided into two classes, "Kalia," and "Jurdo ;" the "Kalia" is cut down, stalk and all, and is laid out to dry. The "Jurdo" is left standing a little longer, and then the leaves are stripped off and placed to dry. The "Kalia" tobacco is the most refined portion, and is used for hookas, and made into snuff. The "Jurdo" is nsed for bidis, chillums, and for chewing.
18. Almost all the "Kalia" tobacco will probably leave Nadiad by railroad for the great markets of Ahmedabad, Baroda, Broach, Surat, Bulsár; and Bombay. The "Jurdo" will, as usual, be bought ap by Márwar and Málwa dealers, unless it also should become in request in the Bombay market.
19. There are four distinct kinds of tobacco, each of which is divided into the two above-mentioned distinguishing classes-(1) The "Tulubdi," (2) the Khándeshi, (3) the "Iliachi," and (4) the "Gandi." I believe the two last kinds are not in much favour with growers.
20. Although the cost of producing tobacco is very great, and can only be undertaken Produce of Tobacco. by substantial cultivators with capital, yet the profit is very large. An acre of the best and most bighly cultivated land will produce, when irrigated, about 104 Bombay maunds of tobacco, and when unirrigated half that number. In the former case the cost of production would be nearly 150 Rupees, including the land tax, and the value of the produce Rs. 390 , leaving Rs. 240 clear profit to the cultivator. In the latter case the cost of production, including land tax, would. be Rs. 90 , whle the value of the produce would be Rs. 390 , showing a profit of Rs. 300 per acre.
21. It is very much to be regretted that the cultivation of indigo has been almost entirely abandoned in this pargana, as the soil is peculiarly

The cultivation of Indigo almost abandoned. fitted for it. It is generally supposed that the custom fell into disuse owing to the unremunerative prices which the dye* fetched years ago. Had this been the case, the present high price of indigo would induce the rayats to resume its cultivation. I have been told a strange story relative to the abandonment of indigo cultivation, which may or may not be true. It is said that about 50 years ago, a "Maharaj" visited. Gujarát, who proclaimed the cultivation of indigo by "Kunbis" to be a great sin (Páp), inasmuch as the preparation of the dye caused the death of the minute animalculæ which feed upon the shrub.

The simple " Kunbis" were so impressed with this address, and with the enormity of the sin of taking animal life in a wholesale way, that they at once abandoned the cultivation of indigo, and have not taken to it since.
22. Considering that in almost the whole of the eastern villages of Nadiad water is Irrigation. only found at a very great depth from the surface, there is a great deal of irrigation in this pargana, which contains 811 Government and. 658 alienated wells. The irrigated crops are principally tobacco, wheat, sugarcane, and garden produce.
23. Being on the line of railway, the principal markets of the Presidency are open to Markets. Nadiad itself, and all the villages within an easy distance of this or the neighbouring station of Anand.
Nadiad has a very fine market, the best in Kaira, and one of the best in Gujarat ; and many of the villages have excellent bazars, where the poorer rayats can, if they prefer it generally dispose of their produce. A glance at the map will show how very favourably the majority of the villages of this táluka are situated with regard to markets; 2 villages are within 2 miles, 11 within 4 miles, 18 within 6 miles, 14 within 8 miles, 6 within 10 miles, and 22 within 20 miles of the Nadiad station. 17 villages are within 6,11 within 8,17 within 10,11 with 12 , and 17 above 12 from the. Anand station, and many of these villages are equi-distant from both stations.

Few districts therefore have greater advantages.
24. It would be difficult to find any agricultural districtin the world more densely Population. populated than Nadiád. The 73 villages, including the kasba, contain a population of $115,966^{\prime}$ souls, or 522 to the square mile. Of these 6,4301 are men and 51,665 women, so that there are 56 men to 44 women. In Belgium, the most densely populated country of Europe, there are 147.2 people to 247 acres, which is at the rate of 380 to the square mile. This fact gives us a correct idea of the extraordinary density of the population of Nadiad. In showing the rate of increase af the population-further on, I shall give a few more interesting statisties, and in the xneantime will consider the present condition of the people.

Well fed, well clothed, comfortably housed, all the necessaries of life about them and an abundance of sweet water, a fertile soil daily accumulating material wealth, high

[^5]prices, and railway communication, the whole community is in a condition of healthy prosperity and comfort, very pleasant to contemplate.
25. This population is almost entirely agricultural, and is composed principally of Kunbis of the Lewa and Kadva castes, and Kolis of the Tulubda caste, who are gradually getting the status of Kunbis. The other cultivators are Chuwalia Kolis, Rajputs, and Mussalmans. The proportion of each is shown in the following statement :-

|  |  |  | Men. | Women. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Kunbis | ... | .. | 17,441 | 12,111 | 29,552 |
| Rajputs ... | ... | ... | 1,301 | 1,080 | 2,381 |
| Koli $\quad .$. | .. | ... | 18,441 | 51,810 | 34,251 |
| Brahmin ... | . | ... | 4,131 | 3,468 | 7,599 |
| Wánia ... | ... | . | 2,911 | 2,416 | 5,327 |
| Bhat | ... | . | 2,051 | 808 | 1,859 |
|  |  |  | A5,276 | 35,693 | 80,969 |
| Remaining Hindus | ... | - | 14,468 | 12,169 | 26,637 |
| Total Hindus | -." | $\cdots$ | 59,744 | 47,862 | 107,606 |
| Mussalmans | *** | - $*$. | -4,537 | 3,803 | 8,360 |
|  | Total |  | 64,301 | 51,665 | 115,966 |

26. According to the Survey census, there are 8,607 ploughs in Nadiád, which, distriAgricultural statistics. buted over the whole male population, gives one plough to 10 cultivated acres to each plough.
27. There are 4,447 carts, which is 20 to the square mile, and one to every (19)

Carts. nineteen acres of cultivated land. There are altogether 63,284 head of cattle in Nadiád ; 16,346 are employed in agriculture, and 46,938 are milch cows, buffaloes, and young stock. There are therefore 73 agricultural bullocks to the square mile, and about 2 to each plough.

| Tiled | ... | - | ... 33,919 | 28. There are 36,284 houses in Nadiad, of the de |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pucka |  | ... |  | scription noted in the margin. This shows that on the |
| Wattled | ... | ... | 2,351 | average each house contains about three inmates, |
|  |  | Toual | 36,284 | that there can be no inconvenient crowding in any of |

I have aready shown that there are 522 people to the square mile, which is an extraordinary population, but it is still more wonderful to find that there are on the average 163 houses to the same area.

## Wells.

29. The number of wells found by the Survey are as

| Government wells, in repair Do. out of repair |  | $\begin{aligned} & \cdots \\ & \ldots \end{aligned}$ | ... | 758 53 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Government wells |  |  | ... | 811. |
| Alienated wells, in repair ... <br> Do. out of repair |  | ... | $\cdots$ | 632 26 |
| Total alienated wells |  |  | ... | 658 |
| Grand Total |  |  | ... | 1,469 |

There are therefore about seven wells to the square mile. These 1,469 wells have 4,347 "kosses" (or water bags), so there are on the average more than three "kosses" to each well; some of the wells in Nadiád are very fine, working from 8 to 12 "kosses."
30. The early history of Nadiád is not forthcoming. In a.D. 1774, in the Viceroyship of Fukhir-ud-Dowlah at Ahmedabad, Damaji Gáekwár was the Maratha prince of Baroda, and during his absence at Satara, his brother Khunde Rao raised a disturbance, which, ${ }^{\text {Futhir-ud-Dowlah, might have seriously affected Damaji's cause, but being on the alert, }}$ that prince returned to Gujarait, and quieted Khunde Rao by giving him the fort of Borsad, and the valuable district of Nadiad, and by making him his depaty at Baroda.
31. From 1774 till 1803, Nadiád remained subject to the Maráthas, but on the 5th of June 1803 it was taken possession of by the British Government (under treaty with Anand

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- Rao Gáekwar), subject to a payment to Mulhar Rao Gáekwar of one lakh of rupees annually, but Mulhar Rao having in the meantime fled from the country, the entire revenue of the district, as then constituted, amounting to Rs. $2,25,000$, lapsed to Government.

32. The old Nadiád pargana contained 45 villages only, of which 36 were called " "Rastee," or superior. This word does not exactly mean that the soil is better, but that the condition of the cultivators is superior. The remaining nine villages were then, as they are now, held on Mehwássi tenure by Koli Chiefs. These villages are all on the banks of the Mahi river.
33. The subdivision formerly known as the "Bhaluj Tuppa" has since been thrown into Nadiád, as also one or two villages from Mehmadabad, and Mahundha and Borsad respectively.
34. In searching the Kaira records for detailed information regarding the bistory of Nadiad, soon after it came under British rule, about which time great agricoltural depression prevailed, and more particularly when grain contributions were commuted into cash payments, I came upon a report of Mr. Thomas Williams, the then Collector, dated 11th of December 1826, in which he says (paragraph 18) :-
"In the report I had the honour to submit to Government on Nadiád, dated 13th of January last, I eudeavoured to trace the progress that pargana has made under our administration, and I now find little to add to the details then communicated."

Unfortunately this report does not seem to be forthcoming, which I much regret.
35. Both before and since the introduction of British rule, the most flourishing villages of this pargana have been managed under the "Nurwa" tenure. During the early part of this century, soon after our rule commenced, several of these villages became "Kucha", that is to say, that on account of quarrels and divisions amongst the "Nurwadars" the coparcenary was disrupted, and the villages became "Senja." 'Ihey did not, however, remain so
*Vide Mr. E. R. Mills' Report, for any long period, the original "Nurwadars" having, in most dated 10th July 1828, paragraph cases, petitioned for a renewal of the "Nurwa," which was 16. very genenerally granted.*
36, The "Nurwa" tenure, and the manner in which it is hereafter to. be continued and
Superintendent Revenue Survey to the Reveniue Commissioner N. D., No. 99 of 25 th March 1862, forwarding Mr. Pender's Report, No. 11, dated the 21st idem.

Superintendent Revenue Survey to the Revenue Commissioner N. D., No. 526 of the 31 st October 1863, forwarding Mr. Pedder's Report, No. 16, dated the 28th September 1863.

Revenue Commissioner N. D. to Government, No. 521 of 26th Februay 1863.
Do. do. do. do. No, 858 of 29 th March 1864.
Resolution of Governmont, No. 2481, of 30th Jane 1864, forwarded to the Collector of Karra, with Revenue Commissioner N. D's memorandum No 2083 of 7th July 1864.

Collector of Kara to the Superintendent Revenue Survey, No. 772 of 13th July 1864, and Superintendent's reply, No. 348 of 18 th July 1864.
should refer to it in this place.
37. In nearly all the "Senja" villages, after the leasing system had been done away with, the revenue was collect ed either-
(a) On the principle of a division of the produce between Government, either by actual measured division of grain, or by a "Kultur," which is an estimate of the Government share of revenue taken while the crop is yet standing, in which case the "grain share" is commuted into a money payment.
(b) By (Jinnuswar Bighoti) crop rates, or (Jatwar Bighoti) caste rates.
(c) By "Khátábandy," under which system a very heavy fixed rate was paid by the cultivator for some portion of his "Kháta" or farm, and a very light rate for the remainder. The amount of the rate fixed on the portion called "Veta" was determined on consideration of the caste and circumstances of the cultivator, and whether he was a holder of alienated land or not, for if he was a holder of alienated land, the Panches invariably imposed a much heavier rate on the "Veta," by which means much of the alienated land has been taxed, indirectly, almost up to its full value, as compared with Government land.*
(d) "Phatochas," which is a species of "Khátábandy," only the whole of the lands contained therein are assessed at an uniform rate, there being no "Veta."
(e) Cesses and Veros of various denominations.
38. Now as all these different systems of taxation have been very fully described and explained in former reports, it is not necessary for me to take up your time by going over the same ground again, so I will now proceed to describe the progress of the district.

[^6]39. I am sorry I have not the data at my disposal for showing in detail the progress of the entire district, but I am able to give a correct comparison between what the condition of 47 villages was in 1823-24, and what it is now, which is quite sufficient for the purpose required. In 47 villages there were in $1823-24,16,174$ houses; there are now 26,316 , being an increase in 41 years of 62 per cent. Although ploughs have increased foom 5,298 to 5,750 only, which is a little more than 7 per cent., cattle have increased in the same period from 30,356 to 42,147 , or 38 per cent.

Government wells in repair have increased from 220 to 322. Government wells out of repair have decreased from 80 to 30 ; alienated wells in repair have increased from 160 to 196, and alienated wells out of repair have decreased from 65 to 14 , showing that 138 new wells have been built and 101 repaired.

According to the Survey census, the namber of carts in these villages has decreased from 3,048 to 2,737 . Although the latter sum may represent the number of these carts actually in the respective villages when the census was made, yet I am persuaded it does not represent the number actually in the possession of the villagers. It so happened that just before the time the census was made, a number of carts had accompanied the Central India Field Force, and the people assert that of these many never returned home. At all events, the fear of "wéth" (compulsory seizure), and probably an idea that the numbering of the carts was only preliminary to some new kind of tax, appears to have operated so strongly on the feelings of the people as to induce them to conceal the real number of carts in their possession. This is the only probable reason I can assign for the apparent falling off.
40. The population has increased from 62,829 in $1823-24$ to 81,638 in 1862-63, or 29 Increase of the Popalation. per cent. in 39 years. This is a very small increase indeed, and the cause of it deserves to be closely looked into.
In Europe, the population doubles itself in from 41 to 45 years, and in England in from 48 to 52 years. Of course the early marriages and early deaths of a tropical climate account for the more rapid passing away of each generation, but this circumstances does not account for the proportion of deaths being so much in excess of that of births, as it must have been notwithstanding the denseness of the population at the present time.
41. J have shown that amongst the whole population of Nadiad, the proportion of Proportion of women to men. women to men is 44 to 56 , but amongst the purely agricultural population, the proportion is much less. Amongst the "Pátidars" and "Kunbis," the most peaceful and contented of all castes, there are only 41 women to 59 men . Amongst the Kolis there are 47 women to 53 men .
42. Pride of caste, and position, prevent the Patidars giving their daughters in Probable causes of slow increase. marriage to any who can possibly be considered inferior in position. I am given to understand that all the Nurwa and Pátidári villages in Kaira have an anna value put upon them, indicative of the social status of the community. All Pátidárs and Kunbis are therefore striving constantly to marry their daughters into the most aristocratic villages, regardless of the age of aspiring bridegrooms. This practice is not in itself favourable to the increase of the population, and it is to be feared leads indirectly to female infanticide, for, when the marriage of daughters is attended with so many diffculties, and such ridiculous pride and fear of reproach takes possession of parents, it is no wonder they are led away by fanaticism-it can be called nothing else-and take lessons from their Rajput neighbours,

43. Although the population has not increased so much as it should have done in 40 years, still it has increased more in proportion than the cultivation,* proving in theory that all the good land is already cultivated, which is in fact the case.
44. In the year Samvat 1901, A.d. 1844-45, 50,766 acres of Government, and 32,833 acres of alienated land were under cultivation, making a total of 83,599 acres.

In 1920 Samvat, A.D. 1863-64, 54,519 acres of Government, and 33,349 acres of alienated land were cultivated. In all 87,868 acres, so that the increase in 20 years has been 5 per cent. only. $\dagger$
45. In Samvat 1901, A.D. 1844-45, the colleetions in Government land amounted to Rs. 2,22,708, and on alienated land to Rs. 80,672 , and in 1920 Sampat, A.D. 1863-64, to Rs. $2,32,097$ on the former and Rs. 82,666 on the latter, which shows an increase of 3 3 per cent.
46. The proportion of land aetually cultivated last year in Nadiad to the whole arable area was 96 per cent.

4 It will be observed that 96 per cent. of the entire, culturable area of Nadiad in already under the plough, which accounts for the small increase in cultivation.
47. The average assessment of Government land for the 20 years last past is The Dıagram. Rs. 2,26,224, and the average collections Rs. 2,23,979, so that the remissions average a little less than one per cent. Taking the last 10 years of the series, the assessment on the same area averages Rs. 2,32,097, and the collections Rs. 2,31,997, showing that the average remission ${ }^{\circ}$ did not amount to $1 \frac{3}{4}$ pies in the rupee, and was really nominal.
48. The average realisations per cultivated acre was Rs. 4-4-6, against Rs. 4-1-11 in Mehmadabad, Rs. 3-9-0 in Mahundha, Rs. 1-13-1 in Kapadvanj, Rs, 3-0-9 in Thásra.
49. The realizations on alienated land have risen in the same period from 80,672 to 82,666 , and the acres cultivated from 32,833 to 33,349 , so that the average of Salámi or Swadio paid on each acre of alienated land amounts to Rs. 2-7-8, which is a pretty considerable contribution towards the full assessment.

The realisations from alienated land will, in all probability, be greater under the new

Resolution of Government, No. 2426 of 24th June 1864, on Revenue Commissioner N. D.'s Memorandums Nos. 612A and 707A of the 25 th April and 8th May 1863, respectively, on Mr. Pedder's Report, No. 3 ot the I1th April 1863.
Superintendent of Revenue Survey to Collector of Kaira, No. 356 of 23rd July 1864 settlement than by the old system as the fluctuating cesses, direet and indirect quit-rents and Swadios, will be commuted into permanent quit-rents under Sections IV., V., and VI. of the Summary Settlement Act, in accordance with the principle laid down in the correspondence marginally noted.
50. There is a very general impression that Nadiad has been much more highly assessed under the old system than the neighbouring districts. Some villages may have been, but considering the decided superiority of the soil, the denseness of the population, its favourable situation os regards markets, and the very superior skill of the cultivators, this is most certainly not the case as regards the majority. No doubt a few of the Nurwa rillages may have been a little pressed in hard times, $\ddagger$ but I do not hesitate to say that the average rate of assessment is undoubtedly low in these days of prosperity, and (considering the very great advantages the railway has given the district) much lower in proportion than those of Mehmadabad, Mahunda, and Thásra were before the revision.
51. So far back as 1828, Mr. Mills, in his Jamábandi Report, paragraph 12, says (in alluding to the revision of assessment of Kaira generally), "I have reason to hope that there are now but few villages that are assessed too highly, besides those now under consideration." About this time Mr. Mills reduced the jumma in several Narwa villages, including the "Pattis" of the Nadiád kasba; and in 1833-34 Mr. Prescott reduced the jumma in 12 Narwa villages from Rs. 90,280 to Rs. 74,536 or Rs. 15,744, so that the Nurwadárs are not paying at this moment nearly so heavy an assessment as they were in a.d. 1832 .
52. There is, however, a considerable difference in the condition of some of the eastern and north-eastern villages of Nadiad, particularly those in the immediate vicinity of the Mahi, as compared with the western and southern villages. The population is poorer, the climate is more feverish, markets are more distant, communications less facile, and their whole condition and circumstances inferior in every way. Having last year assessed villages in Thásra in every way similarly situated and circumstanced, we have a good guide to suitable maximum rates in these more remote villages of Nadiád. There is very little doubt that the assessment of Nadiad will bear raising considerably.
53. It is true that the district contains 40 per cent. of alienated land, and it is possible that in many cases where the occupant of Government and alienated land is one and the same person, the assessment of his Government portion has been raised considerably by the Panches, on account of his position as an alienee, and these considerations have tended to the derangement of the entire system of assessment in the Kaira Collectorate.
54. The extraordinary inequality of the old assessment in this district is even more striking than we found it in Matar. You will observe from the accompanying statement that the average dry-crop rate of assessment varies in different villages from Rs. 14-11-7 to Re. 0-13-10, notwithstanding that the soil and climate is very nearly identical.
55. This is the work of the Panches, who looked a great deal more to the skill and ability of the cultivators than to the capabilities of the soil cultivated, which is still further proved by observing the striking discrepancies in the average rates of different kinds of soil in the same village, in which we often find the average rice and garden rates as low or lower than the dry crop.
56. Now, it will be admitted that when the average classification of two adjoining villages is exactly the same (say 13 annas), and the position of the two villages as regards markets, facilities of communication and climate identical, it is rather startling to find that

[^7]the old average dry crop rate of one is Rs. 11-1-9, and the other Rs. 2-7-0. Are we in these good times to pull up the Rs. 2-7-0 village at one fell stroke to Rs. 11-1-9 ? or are we to pull down the one to say Rs. 6, and raise the other to the same standard or what are we to do?
57. It is quite clear that in one case we should ruin a village which is in no way prepared for such a sudden rise, and in the other we should throw away revenue which, through ages of low prices and many a bad season, has been paid by the well-to-do Kunbies and Patidars without a murmur.
58. I do not pretend to argue for one moment that the Tulubda Kolies of Nadiad are not nearly as well able to pay a high rate of assessment as the Patidars and Kunbies; and assuming that they are, I have not made any allowances in my present grouping on account of the lower assessment they are now paying; but, you will observe, that in a few instonces a very great and sudden rise in the assessment is the result, and I would beg
Page 39 of printed Meport on your attention to the 13th and following paragraphs of the Introduction of Revised Ratern into late Revenue Commissioner's letter to your address, No. 368 of Matur and Mahunda.
weighed and considered.
59. It may not be out of place if I quote a few paragraphs on this most important subject from my report on the assessment of the táluka Bardoli of the Surat Collectorate, for this is the real and main difficulty we have in introducing the revised assessment ahl over Gujarát:-
"It is quite clear that the soil of a village, inhabited by very poor people, may, Paragraph ${ }^{35}$ Bardoli Report. in its normal state even, be very superior, and that in a village inhabited by agricultural capitalists, it may be very inferior. Our classification shows and allows for this. But no classification in the world will provide for pecularities of Revenue management, customary tenure, or ceste rates of assessment, and if we go blindly according to a plan which we are pleased to call principle, and in fixing the maximum rates of villages make no allowances whatever for the condition of the inhabitants, we do harm instead of good."
I feel confident that this subject is well worthy your best consideration, and if you should consider that any of the Kuli villages in Nadiád are raised too much by the rates proposed, I hope you will do me the favour of pointing them out to the Commissioner. I must say, I think, the proposed rates are in no case too high considering the prosperity of the Kolie population, but I, as an Assessing Officer anxious to make the best of my settlement, may be too sanguine.
60. I think there can be no doubt whatever that the condition and prospects of the agricultural population of Gujarát has improved more rapidly within the last 10 years than that of any other section of the community, and is, at the present moment, in a state of extraordinary prosperity.* The serious and important question, as to whether this state of things will continue, is always arising to perplex the minds of Assessing Officers. $\dagger$ That a new era has opened upon India, and that high prices will continue, and be maintained, is my fixed opinion.
61. The facilities which railways give to the distribution of labour and wealth, the immense extra absorption of the precious metals which they indirectly cause, the increasing demand for silver and gold for ornaments among all classes will largely increase the im-

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portation, and this extra importation, even if coined, will not long remain to swell the circulating medium, but will quickly go into the insatiable smolting pot of the town and village "Sonars" (as the millions received in this Province in payment for cotton have already gone), to increase the material wealth of the people.
62. It is quite possible that the present famine prices will not be long maintained, but even if cotton sinks to 7 d . in the Liverpool market (below which price I do not believe it will be remunerative to the Gujarat ryot), prices of bread corn, and raw produce, will, in all probability, stand fixedly at nearly three times the amount they respectively were when the assessment now under revision was imposed.
63. Looking at this, I think the general pitch of assessment of the whole district of Nadiád may be raised about 15 per cent. on actual cultivation.
64. Before referring to the maximum rates, and the grouping of the villages, I will *V.B.-Vermacular. statement, explain the plan upon which the accompanying statement* has not printed. is cultivated, and the quantity of culturable waste included in Survey Numbers small, I hope the estimate it contains will turn out to be tolerably correct.

## 65. First-The collections of Sumvat 1920 on each denomination of land are divided Explanation of statement. by the area in acres (reduced from bighas) of that denomina-

 4, 11 and 33).This average rate is applied to the acres of each denomination of land inclusive of petapudtur shown as cultivated in the registers, and gives the assessment of that area according to the old rates. Vide columns 5, 12 and 24, to compare with columns 10, 23 and 29, which show the assessment of the same area according to the proposed Survey rates.

In juxtaposition columns 6, 13 and 24 , the aetual collections on each description of land in 1921 are shown, so that at one view the changes caused by new rice and garden lands kitherto assessed at dry crop rates, which have been assessed by the Survey under their proper denominations, become apparent.
66. This, it may be observed, is the only possible way in which anything approaching a correct comparative estimate can be framed, for the denomination of land has so much changed since the former assessment was imposed, that where one acre of land is entered in the village books of that day as rice or garden, there are probably 10 now, so before any estimate at all can be made of the probable effect of the proposed rater, it is evidently necessary that the assessment of the area of each denomination of land, not as shown in the village books, but as recently recorded by the Survey, should be shown both according to the old and new rates, as well as the actual realisations, according to the old system.
67. -But even this comparison is very faulty, becanse the bhiga of cultivation as shewn in the Tullati's books, is always somewhat larger than the measured bhiga, and consequently the average rate calculated from the measured bhiga is heavier than the real average sate.
68. Again, in some cases, it has been necessary to exclude cesses from the realisations upon which the average rate has been calculated, as it is quite impossible to determine, in anticipation of the settlement, what proportion of them is incident to Government and what to alienated lands.
69. It will be observed that in the 26 Norwa villages noted in the margin, a comparison

70. As the assessment of these villages will be made on the principle laid down in the
*Vide correspondence noted in the margin of Superintendent's letter tothe address of the Collector of Kaira's No. 362 of 21st October 1865 , quoted before in paragraph correspondence* ending with the Government Resolution No. 2481 of the 30 th of June 1864, and as the settlement of each village will be reported on in detail after completion, it is not necessary I should say anything on the subject now, but I may observe that it is impossible to show with any degree of accuracy what the sum of the new assessment of the Nurwa of many villages will really be, and the only guide as to the suitability of the rates proposed is the Murmun land, which, for this reason, is shown separately in the statement.
71. The reason is that lands nominally alienated (Nurwa Nukru) are comprised in the Nurwa, and till the settlement is made according to the provisions of the Resolution of Gov-
ernment quoted above, it is quite impossible to say how much of these lands will be continued in the new "Nurwa," and how much will, after inquiry at the settlement, be shown as -
(a) Girania (Nurwa-nu-Sunundi), the owners of which will be granted eunnuds by Government guaranteeing permanent alienation, if the Jurwardars consent on payment of 4 annas in every rupee of alienation, or-
(b) If the Nurwadars do not consent (hoping at some time to pay off the mortgage), the assessment of these lands will be levied in fall from the Narwa share to which the land belongs, without reference to the holder of the land, who will receive no guarantee, but will not be assessed by Government.
(c) AlI other lands, not Sirkari, Nurwa, or Muzmun, of whatever denomination held will pay a Salami of 4 annas in every pupee of alienation; the holders will receive sunnuds from Government, and the land will be entered as "Nurwa-nu-Sunundi."
72. "To make my computation of the estimated new "Nurwa" alike in all cases, "Nurwa" lands entered as alienated have been included in the estimate of the new "Nurwa."
73. Column 3 gives the percentage of alienated land in each village, column 7 the Explanation of atatement con- average classification annas of dry crop soil, column 8 the tinued. maximum rate, column 9 the average rate, and column 10 the rental of land shown as such in the Registers.

Column 14 gives the average soil classification annas of rice land, column 15 the maximum rice soil rate, column 16 the average rice soil rate and colamn 17 the assessment of soil at that rate. Column 18 gives the average anna classification of water, column 19 the maximum water rate, column 20 the average water rate, and column 21 the assessment of water at that rate. Column 22 gives the total assessment of rice, soil, and water combined. Column 26 gives the average classification annas of bagayat soil, column 27 the maximum dry crop rate, column 28 the average, and column 29 the assessment of soil at that rate. Column 30 is an estimate of the well kussur, made the same as the soil assessment, which being doubled in column 31 gives the estimated assessment of bagayat land. Column 32 gives the total assessment of the area shown as cultivated in the Registers, including peta-

Vide paragraph 65. pudtur, according to the old rates. Column 33 gives the

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Column 34 gives the 10 years' average assessment of each village, according to the old system.

Column 35 shows the proposed assessment of land (entered as caltivated in the Registers, inclusive of péta-pudtur) according to the Survey system.

Column 36 shows the proposed assessment of waste lands and column 37 the entire survey "Kumaul," or assessment of cultivated and culturable waste lands.
74. The assessment of the Mehmadabad Taluka on the west side, and Mahunda and Thasra on the north side of Nadiád has been revised by the

Assessment of the districts bordering on Nadiad. Surver, and affords good data to guide us in determining the maxımum dry crop rates to be imposed in Nadiad.
The highest maximum in Mehmadabad is Rs. 4-12-0, and the lowest Rs. 4.
The highest in Mahunda Rs. 4-8-0, and the lowest Rs. 2.
The highest in Thasra Rs. 4-12-0, and the lowest Rs. 1-8-0.
75. I have before pointed out that almost all the villages of Nadiad have great facilities for disposing of their produce, either in the several large The grouping and the rates. for disposing of their produce, either in the several large markets of the Presidency, which are brought within reach by the railway, and it is clear that the average maximum should be greater in the larger portion of the villages of this taluka than in either Mehmadabad or Thasra A few poor villages close to the Mahi have to be specially considered.
76. The villages have been grouped with reference to their local markets, and railway communications, by dividing the district into 8 classes, and the maximum dry crop rates range from Rs. 6 in the best situated, to Rs. $3-8-0$ in the worst sifuated, of the eastern villages,

> 1st Class-7 Viwuases.
> Maximum Dry-Crop rate Rs. 6.
77. The seven Paties of which the Kasba Nadiad is composed have been put into the

1 Chuklasi.
2 Kakurkhad
3 Ulad-pati.
4 Ruttunjl-pati.
6 Lukhawad-pa
6 Hirjl-pati.
7 Kıledari-pati.

1st class. They are of course the best situated villages in the whole Kaira District. They have the advantages of a large market, the whole of the manure of a thickly populated town, direct railway communication, good climate, excellent .water, and, in addition to these, command the retail trade of vegetables and garden products.

2nd Class-4 Villages.
Maximium Dry-Crop rate Rs. 5-8.C
78. I am of opinion that, for many reasons, the kusba should have a maximum rate at least eight annas higher than any other village, and have consequently imposed a maximum of Rs. 5-8-0 on my second class of villages. Only 4 villages come into this class, 2 being within 2 miles of Naduád station ; the 3rd, Bhaluj, a very fine market village on the high road between Anand and Dakore,
can well bear this rate, at which it will be somewhat lowered; and Cheekhodra, which is within 4 miles of Anand.

## 3md Class-13 Villages.

Maximum Dry-Crop rate Rs. 5-4-0.
The next group, containing 13 villages, within 4 miles either of the Nadiad or Anand Railway stations, have a maxi-

| 1 Toondel. | 6 Gootal. | 10 Murira. | mum rate of Rs. 5-4-0; Sarsa, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 Dubhan. | 7 Phutepur. | 11 Bilodra. | a very fine village, within 8 |
| 3 Kumla. | 8 Suloon Wau to. | 12 Sámurkha | miles of Anand, is also put into |
| 4 Peeplata. | 9 Suloon Tulpud. | 13 Sarsa. | this class, as it will well bear |

4th Class-16 Villages.
Maximum Dry-Crop rate Rs. 5.
1 Bhumel.
2 Nursunda.
3 Bamnoli.
4. Mehmedpura.
5. Akhrol.
6 Mitral.
7 Davra.
8 Hathnoli.

9 Silor.
10 Kunjorà.
11 Chuklasi.
12 Boriavi.
14 Bedhwa.
${ }_{16} 15$ Tarnol.

The villages contained in the next group are within 6 miles either of Nadiád or Anand, except Trunol, which is 8 miles, and the maximum is Rs. 5.

5th Class-15 Villages.
Maximum Dry Crop rate Rs. 4-12-0.

| Waletra, | 6 Kunjráv. | Badapura. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |

2 Wurtal.
3 Alindra.
4 Urera.
5 Drerapurá.

7 Surdarpura 8 Râhátalarv. 9 Kasur. 10 Ujarpura.

12 Ode. 13 Sil. 14 Surasámal. 15 Chalah,

All the villages of this group, with the exception of "Ode," which is one of the finest and richest villages in Nadiád, are within 8 miles of either the Nadiad
or Anand Railway Stations.

## 6th Class-9 Villages.

Maximum Dry Crop rate Rs. 4-8-O.
The villages of this class with one exception are within 10 miles either of the Anand


## 7th Class-6 Villacies.

Maximum Dry Crop rate Rs. 4.
The villages of this class are generally much poorer than any we have had to deal with.
 the same maximum rate, viz. Rs. 4.

8th Class-3 Villages.
Maxinıum Dry Crop rate Rs. 8-3-0.
These are three very remote villages, which will not bear a higher rate than Rs. 3-8-0. 1 Khashunpar. Khakhunpur is inhabited by Yaggis, and is a miserable 2 Dhuletanpar. village composed of a few huts, and having scarcely a tree
near. The soil is good, but the people are bad cultivators, and cannot make the most of it. Sureli and Dhuleta are inhabited by Pathans, who are not good cultivators. Both villages are wretched, and being very near the Mahi, the water is tound at a very great depth from the surface-not much less, in fact, than 100 feet.
79. The maximum rice water rate has, as a general rale, been fixed one rupee less all The rice water rate. round than the soil rate. For convenience I have calculated the maximum rice water rates at 16 annas of classification, but they run up to 24 annas; consequently the highest rate imposable soil and water combined

[^9]is in the 1st class villages (Rs. $6+7-8-0 \Rightarrow$ ) Rs. 13-8-0, but the water classification is low, in consequence of the supply being only scanty, and brings down the average of rice in the first class villages to Rs. 7-11-6 per acre.
80. I have estimated the rental of garden lands watered from permanent wells at double the soil assessment, as the exact figures cannot be given till the "kassar" imposable on each well shall have been worked out, after examining the capabilities of each.
81. As I estinate that a sweet well working nine hours a day can irrigate $3 \frac{1}{2}$ acres only in Nadiád, the staple being tobacco, I propose to make my highest "kassar" Rs. 24-8-0 for a first class one " koss" well, which is at the rate of Rs. 7 an acre for water. According to this scale the highest rate imposable, soil and water combined, will be Rs. 13 an acre in lst class villages, on land watered from first class sweet wells, and the lowest Rs. 7-12-0.
82. Brackish water is quite as good, if not better, for tobacco than sweet water, but as its constant use must tend to deteriorate the soil slightly, the highest "kassar" imposable on a one koss well of this water in first class villages will be Rs. 22-12-0, and the lowest Rs. 1-10-0, which is at the rate of Rs. 12-8-0 per acre (soil and water combined) for the best and Rs. 7-10-0 for the worst wells.

83. The scale by which the - "kassar" is calculated is divided into four classes, the maximum area irrigable in nine hours is fixed at $3 \frac{1}{2}$ acres, and the minimum irrigable by a well capable of working two hours a day only a quarter of an acre.
84. There is no "Bhatta" or "Dhekudiat" land in Nadiád.
85. The following abstract of the comparative statement shows the results of the proposed rates:-

ABSTRACT OF COMPA

N. $B_{*}-$ In this statement only the words "Narva" and "Maxmun" are used as the

## RATIVE STATEMENT.


-86. The following figures will show everything that is required:-
(a) Total Government, Senja, Mazmun, and Narve lands.

87. From these estimated figures 4 per cent. mast be deducted to allow for the lowering of the assessment of numbers, one anna in the rupee for every half mile of distance from the villages; which will reduce the items as follows:-

|  |  |  |  |  | Assessment on Cultivation. | Assessment of Waste. | Survey |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
|  |  |  |  |  | 2,78,262 $\mathbf{1 1 , 1 3 0}$ | 14,532 | $\begin{array}{r} 2,92,794 \\ 11,711 \end{array}$ |
| Deduct 4 per cent. | $\cdots$ | ... | ..* | .' |  |  |  |
| Real Fstimate | ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 2,67,132 | 13,951 | 2,81,083 |

The real rise on cultivation will therefore be as under:-m
New Assessment on cultivation, including Peta-padtan

New Assessmer distance ...
redueed
Collections 1864-65, Samvat 1921
(b) Narva land only :-
Revenue Survey Kamál
Deduct 4 per cent. for distance

| Deduct 4 per cent, for distance ... | - | .'• | 6,083 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Real estimate on Narya ... | $\cdots$ | "', | 1,45,989 |  |  |
| Collections in 1921, A.D. 1864-65 ... | .." | $\cdots$ | 1,26,320 |  |  |
| Narva raised by the Survey | ** | "* | 19,669 or 13 per cent. |  |  |
| (c) Senja and Mazmun land only :- |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rs, } \\ \mathbf{1 , 2 6 , 1 9 0} \end{gathered}$ | On wasta. <br> Rs. | Rs. |
| Survey Assessment ... | , | " |  | 14,532 | 1,40,722 |
| Deduct 4 per cent. on account of distance | ... | '"' | 6,045 | 581 | 5,626 |
|  |  |  | 1,21,145 | 13,951 | 1,35,096 |
| Collections in 1921, A,d, 1864-65,.. | .. | "' | 1,06,531 |  |  |

Rise ... $\quad \mathbf{1 4 , 6 1 4}$ or nearly 12 per cent.
(d) The realisation from alienated land of all denominations amounted in-


The probable results of the settlement may therefore be summarised as under :-

88. The statement following gives the results of the measurement and classification of this táluka, and also the tests which were taken to estriblish the accuracy of the work. The measurement was done in the years 1856.57 to 1861162 , under the superintendence of Messrs. Beyts, Hall, Parkinson, Nepean, H. B. Vikáji, and De Souza, and the classification in the year 1860-61 to 1862-63 by Mr. Beyts:-

[^10]Statement showing the result of Measuring Operations in the 73 Villages of the Nadiad Pargana.
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Statement showing the result of Classification in the 73 Villages of the Nadiád Pargana.


Statement showing the accuracy by Test of Measurement in th $7 \mathcal{3}$ Villages of the Nadiád Pargana.
Season.

Statement showing the accuracy by Test of Classifcation in the. 73 Villages of the Nadiád Pargana.

| Seaton. | By whom Superintended. | Name of Taluke Classitied. | Number of Fields sub. mitted to Test. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | Rs. a. p. ...... |  | $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Rs. } & \text { s. } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & \text { to } & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 0 & 7 . \\ 0 & \text { to } & 0 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Rs}_{2} & \text { a } & \mathrm{p} \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \text { to } & \\ 0 & 1 & 6 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 1 & 7 \\ & \text { to } & \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{R}_{8} & \mathrm{a} & \mathrm{p} . \\ 0 & 2 & 1 \\ & \text { to } & \\ 0 & 2 & 6 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{rrr} \mathbf{R s}_{2} & \text { an } & \mathbf{p}, \\ 0 & 2 & 7 \\ & \text { to } & 7 \\ 0 & 3 & 0 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 3 & 1 \\ 0 & \text { to } & \\ 0 & 6 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 3 & 7 \\ \text { and } & 7 \\ \text { apward. } \end{array}$ |  |
|  |  |  | Soil, | Water. | Sol. | Water. | Soil. | Water. | Soil. | Water. | Soll. | Water. | Soil. | Water. | Soll. | Water. | Soil, | Water. | Soil. | Water. | Soil. | Waten |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| $\begin{gathered} 1860.61 \\ 1863.64 . \end{gathered}$ | Messrs. Beyts, Bulk. ley, and Critchell. | \} Nadiad ... | 4,118 | 575 | 2,294 |  | 606 | 36 | 769 | 128 | 229 | 56 | 190 | 6 | 14 | 1 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 1 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |

89. Attached to this report is a map of Nadiad, and a diagram containing the usual information furnished.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
CYRIL JACKSON PRESCOTT, Captain, Superintendent, Revenue Sarvey and Assessment, Gujarat.

## No. 1043 or 1865.

From

> A. A. BORRADAILE, EsQ.,
> Acting Collector of Kaira;

To
alexander Rogers, Esq.,
Revenue Commissioner, N. D.
Kaira Collector's Camp Kapadvanj, 4th December 1865.

## Sir,

I have the honour to forward herewith Report from the Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarát, containing his proposals for the assessment of Nadiad Táluka.
2. In paragraphs 1 to 7 Captain Prescott describes the taluka, its boundaries, climate, \&c.
3. In paragraph 8 he draws a pleasant picture of the very fine Railway feeders from Nadiád to Kapadvanj, and from Ánand by Bhaluj to the Mahi, and of the advantages they will confer when completed. And in paragraphs 9 and 10 he urges the construction of a tramway on the latter line.
4. These roads were originally ordered to be made by Government, out of what are nominally called Old Local Fund Balances, but which were really items of Imperial revenue. They were laid out, and their construction commenced on the scale of First Class Imperial roads, and were then handed over to the Local Fund Committee, unbridged, unmetalled, embankments unfinished, and in some places the line not even cleared, to be allowed to fall into disrepair.
5. In that state-except some 7 miles which we can just manage to metal this year -they must remain ; it would have been far better had they never been commenced; and yet the benefit to be derivable from them, either as roads or with a tramway, would be incalculable.
6. Paragraphs 11 to 20 are devoted to the soil and products, with an interesting account of the cultivation of tobacco, and paragraph 21 to indigo. Paragraphs 22 to 29 relate to the amount of irrigation, the number of markets, the population, \&c., and 30 to 39 give a concise history of the district.
7. In subsequent paragraphs notice is taken of the extraordinary inequalities of the old assessment, which Captain Prescott attributes principally to the Panches looking more to the caste and worldly position of the cultivators, than to the value of the soil, and partly to the fact of an indirect taxation of alienated land by very high assessment of Sirkari. land held by same owner.
8. He discusses, but does not finally answer, the question of, whether in the case of villages identical in position and facilities of communication, and whose classification is the same, the lower rated ones are to be brought up to the higher, or these to be reduced.
9. I am not in a position, from my short acquaintance with this zillah, and from never having been in Nadiád, to take exception to the grouping of villages by the Superinnever having been in Nadiad, to taire is so great, and in whose judgment I have great conftendent, whose experience It appears to me to have been determined with care for the interest of Government and the villagers.
10. The question discussed in paragraph 62 is an important one, and would be doubly so, if the cultivation of Nadiad were confined to one or two staples, and those the most at present inflated in price.: But seeing that not only cotton but tobacco, cereals of sorts, and the superior description of garden crops, for all which there will ever be a ready market in the country, are grown, it is matter of small concern, in fixing the assessment, whether cotton falla to 7 d . or not. We may therefore, with, I think, confidence hope, and base our calculations accordıngly, that no such general decline in prices will take place as to make the present assessment too heary.
11. The rice water rates in paragraph 79, and the kussurs on bagayat cultivation in paragraphs 81 and 82 , seem to call for no remar'ks.
12. In paragraph 87 are shown the estimated increases of assessment -

which, considering the extraordinary advantages which Nadiád enjoys in soil, markèts and means of communication, and looking at the present prices of produce as compared with those ruling when the present assessment was fixed-and how easily this was paid the diagram shows-must be regarded as an almost nominal increase.

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

Acting Collecton

## No. 4580 or 1865.

 To
## A. A. BORRADAILE, Esq., Acting Collector of Kaira.

Camp Mehmadabad, 23rd December 1865.

## Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 1043, of the 4th instant, forwarding Captain Prescott's proposals for the revision, according to the Revenue Survey system, of the assessment of the Nadiad pargana in your Collectorates.
2. The detailed description of the country, its products and inhabitants, and its history up to the present date, given by the Superintendent, are highly interesting, but appear to require no comment from me at present. The suggestions for the opening up of the trade of the country will receive due attention in the Public Works' and Local Funds' Departments, and I will therefore pass on at once to the consideration of the proposed rates of assessment.
3. Nothing can more strikingly illustrate the general prosperity of the district in an agricultural point of view than the fact mentioned in the 46th paragraph of Captain Prescott's letter, that 96 per cent. of the whole arable area is under cultivation. Even the small percentage of waste left is evidently larger than it would be were some of the outlying villages and others inhabited by the less skilful castes of cultivators to be excluded from the calculation, as in most of the highly cultivated Kunbi villages, the whole of the arable area must be under tillage, and there can be no room for extension of cultivation.
4. The diagram shows that with the exception of one or two years, probably years in .which the monsoon was unfavourable, the increase in cultivation for the last twenty has been steady and progressive, a fact proving of itself that the revenue administration has not been unsuccessful. If it is recollected that in the period illustrated by this diagram is embraced that of the greatest depression in the value of agricultural produce, for prices did not begin to mend till about A.D. 1858, I do not think the general pitch of assessment proposed by the Superintendent can be considered at all too high, now that the facilities of the district for the export of its produce have been so greatly increased as they have been by the opening of the B. B. and C. I. Railway, which affords a reasonable guarantee that the prices of tobacco and the more valuable, as they constitute the greater proportion, of the products of Nadiad will be maintained, even though that of cotton and the cereals of other districts should fall considerably.
5. It appears to me, however, that in the classification of villages into groups for assessment at the different maximum rates proposed, too much attention has been paid in some instances to the eftect upon the cultivators' payments, to the setting aside of the recognised Survey principle, one sanctioned by the highest authorities ever since the introduction of the Bombay Revenue Survey, of grouping for such rates according to distance from markets and variety of climate. Where this principle can be maintained, even at a temporary sacrifice of revenue, it should, in my opinion, be done.; if not, we lay ourselves open to the reproach of perpetuating the inequalities of the old system of assessment according to the caste of the cultivator carried out by the Panchayets. In the classification proposed by Captain Prescott are to be found villages more favourably situated with regard to markets than others bordering on them, put down in a lower class than the latter, and [ ean trace no other reason for this than his fear that the rise in the demands of Government on the former would otherwise be too sudden, the rause of the prevailing low rates of assessment having simply been that the Pancháyets had assessed the payers as Koolies at a lower rate than they would have had they been Koonbis. Captain Prescott does not appear to find much difference between the members of the two classes in agricultural skill at present.
6. The following grouping of villages and maximum rates of dry crop assessment for the respective groups will, while it does away with the anomaly of the more favourably situated villages being the more lightly assessed, also lower their assessment in most cases, so as partly to obviate the fear of a too sudden raising of taxation expressed by the Superinteadent. It will be seen that the grouping depends in the lowest classes generally upon the distance of the villages from the two railway stations of Anand and Nadiad, the highest class being left as proposed by Captain Prescott, the second being formed of villages within easy reach of one or other of the railway stations, and the third of others more favourably situated than those thrown into the 4th elass with reference to the market of Nadiád.
7. With regard to the maximum rates of dry crop assessment, it will be seen that those now sanctioned fit in better than the Superintendent's with those already sanctioned by Government for the adjacent villages of the nerghbouring talukas; for instance, Dautáli Jhawl, and Degám formerly in the Mehmadabad Tăluka, have a maxımum of Rs. 4-8-0 per aere, whereas those proposed for the adjoining villages of Bamnol, Dawura, and Hathnoli were Rs. 5 . In the new rates Bamnol comes down to Rs. 4-8-0 and Dawura and Hathnoli to Rs. 4-12-0.

## 1st Class.

The seven patis of Nadiáa, maximum rate Rs. 5-12 0.

> 2nd Class, maximum rate Rs. 5-4-0.

1. Chikhodra.
2. Dumral.
3. ${ }^{2}$ Piplug.
4. Kuriavi.
5. Kumla.
6. Gutál.
7. Piplata.
8. Bilodra
9. Sarsa.
10. Akhrole.

3: Nursunda.
4. Turnol.
5. Bamroli.
6. Boriavi.
7. Berava.
8. Mummudpura.
3. Mitral.

1. Khankora.
2. Khumbolaj.
3. Jakhla.
4. Dholi.
5. Sili.
6. Gungapura.
7. Sundalpura.
8. Khakanpura.

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4. Bhálaj.
5. Samurkha.
6. Tundel.

3rel Class, maximum rate Rs. 4-12-0.
6. Sulun Tulput.
7. Sulun Wanta.
8. Kunjora:
9. Chuklasi.
10. Dawura.
:h Class, maximum rate Rs. 4-8-0.

| 10. Rassol. | 18. Burrapara. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 11. Alajra. | 19. Ráhtallao. |
| 12. Ureıa. | 20. Waletwa. |
| 13. Ujurpara. | 21. Warthal. |
| 14. Kunjrao. | 22. Sirdarpura. |
| 15. Kásur. | 23. Surasamul. |
| 16. Chulal. | 24. Tarpura. |
| 17. Dawapura. | 25. Od. |

5th Olass, maximum rate Rs. 4.

| 5. Futtepur Bhaluj. | 8. Punsoram |
| :--- | :--- |

6. Meghwa.
7. Dagjipura.
8. Dubhan.
9. Marira.
10. Futtepur Nadiád.
11. Bhumel.
12. Silore.
13. Hathnoli.
14. Lambhwol.
15. Wansol.

6th Class, maximuma rate Rs. 3-8-0,
3. Kháppur.
4. Bhurrora

7th Class, maximum rate Rs 3.
3. Dhuleta.
.1
4. Suroli.
8. If it should be found necessary to make a distinction in the assessment of villages in consideration of any marked deficiency in the agricultural skill and capital of their inhabitants, it appears to me that it should be made in that of garden land and not in the case of dry crop. In the former description the superior hereditary knowledge of the Kunbi would certainly tell, but not in the latter, in the cultivation of which nature would place all comparatively on the same level.
9. I observe that the highest rate of "Bagayat kasur" proposed by the Superintendent is Rs. 24-8-0 on $3 \frac{1}{2}$ acres, or Rs. 7 per acre, making the highest imposable assessment under his rates, Rs. 13 per acre.
10. In the Killedári pati of Nadiad I find that the aiverage rate of assessment on garden lands under the old system is Rs. 18-4-8. I think therefore that a maximum Bágáyat kasar rate of Rs. 35 would be by no means excessive, as it would in no case involve a total assessment in the finest and most valuable garden lands of the district of more than about Rs. 15 the acre, which it can pay with ease on tobacco, the staple crop, as shown is the 20th paragraph of Captain Prescott's letter. This pitch for garden assessment will leave more room than the maximum proposed by the Superintendent for lowering it in the case of villages of which the cultivators may be really deficient in agricultural skill. I am inclined to believe that even with this increase in the maximum rate the Superintendent's estimate of the extra assessment on garden lands coming to double the dry crop assessment will be found a good deal over the mark.
11. I have no objection to offer to the maximum rate proposed for water in rice lands in the 79 th paragraph of Captain Prescott's letter, with the modification that will be caused by the reduction in dry crop rates now sanotioned. The rates for the different groups of villages and for individual villages in those groups must of course be settled or a consideration of the nature of the water-supply in each, and the relative marketable value of the different descriptions of rice the supply may enable them to raise.

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

Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

## Memorandum No. 259 of 1866.

Camp Thasra, 18th January 1866.
The revised grouping of villages, and maximum dry crop rates for each, in the Nadiad pargana, settled after personal consultation with the Superintendent, Gujarát Reventue Survey and Assessment, are herewith forwarded to Captain Prescott, for adoption in the settlement of the pargana.
2. The Collector has been informed.

## A. ROGERS,

Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

## $=\quad 260$ of 1866.

Camp Thásra, 18th January 1866.
True copy to the Aeting Collector of Kaira, for information and guidance, with reference to this Office No. 4580 , of the 23rd ultimo.
A. ROGERS,

Revenue Commissioner, N. D.
8. Chikhodra.
8. Chikhodr
9. Dumral.
10. Piplug.
11. Samurkha.
12. Tundel.
13. Dabhan.
14. Murira.
15. Futtepur Nadiád.
16. Gutal.
17. Bilodra. Fields on the north of the river to be specially lowered for distance.
18. Sulun Wauto
19. Sulun Talpud.
20. Chuklasi.
21. Nursanda (including Mehmadpura).
22, Kamla.

3nd Class. Rate Rs. 5-4.0.

| 23. Bháluj. | 29. Davuira. | 35. Riasnol. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 24. Kuriavi. | 30. Sulor. | 36. Akhrole. |
| 25. Bhumel. | 31. Lambhuvel. | 37. Bamnoli. |
| 26. Hathnoli. | 32. Sarsa. | 38. Alajra. |
| 27. Piplata. | 33. Turnol. | 33. Mitral. |
| 28. Kunjora. | 34. Bedva. | 40. Boriavi. |
|  | 4th Class. Rate Rs. 5-0-0. |  |
| 41. U̇jarpura. | 47. Wuletwa. | 52. Budapura, |
| 42. Chulali. | 48. Surasmal, | 53. Wurtál. |
| 43. Rahtalao | 49. Urera. | 54. Tarpura. |
| 44. Sirdarpura. | 50. Kasur. | 55. Od. |
| 45. Kunjrao. | 51. Dholi. | 56. Kumbholuj, |
| 46. Davápura. | 5th Class. Rate Rs 4-8-0. |  |
| 57. Khankua. | 61. Jakhla. | 65. Sili. |
| 58. Dagjipura. | 62. Meghva. | 66. Gungapura. |
| 59. Futtepur Bháluj. | 63. Lingra. | 67. Bhurora. |
| 60. Punsora. | 64. Wansole. |  |

6th Class, Rate Rs. 3-8-0, special. If necessary to lower more for distance in these villages.

| 68. Khanpur. | 70. Khakunpur. | 72. Sureli. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 69. Sundalpur. | 71. Dholeta. |  |

The principle of lowering may be applied in outlying villages where the vasti is small and in Kuli villages.

Revenue Survey and Assessment.

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\text { No. } 1001 .
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## Revenul Defartment.

Bombay Castle, 12th March 1867.
Lotter from the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., No. 768, dated 19th February 1867-Requesting the order of Government, for the reasons which he states, for the continuance for the present season of the rates of dry crop and rice lands sanctioned experimentally by him in a memorandum No. 259, dated 18th Jauuary 1866, attached to a printed Report on the revision of assessment on the settlement of the Nadiád Táluka in the Kaira Collectorate, of which he submits copies.
Resodution.-The Revenue Commissioner applies for the confirmation for one year of the rates fixed for dry crop and rice lands in the Nadiád Táluka, and requires further time for consideration of the rates for garden lands. In these proposals the Superintendent of Survey concurs, and they are sanctioned. The Revenue Commissioner's further report will be awaited.

> (Signed) J. KING,
> for Chief Secretary to Government.

To
The Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

## No. 424 of 1867.

From

## Thy SUPERINTENDENT,

Gujarât Revenue Survey and Assessment;
To

## Thi ACTING COLLECTOR,

Kaira,
Superintendent's Ofice, 17 th October 1867. Sir, With reference to the correspondence margin-

Suporintendent, Revenue Survey, to Acting Collector of Kaira, No. 418 of 25 th November 1865.

Acting Collector of Kaira to Revenue Commissioner, N. D., No. 1043 of 4th December 1865.

Revenue Commissioner, N. D, to Acting Collector of $\mathrm{K}_{\text {arran }}$ No. 4580 of 23 rd December 1865.
1865. Subsequent Memorandum, No. 259 of 18th January 1866.

Revenue Commissioner's Memorandum No. 704, dated 14th February 1867, to Acting Collector of Kaira,
ally noted, I have the honour of reporting on the financial results of the settlement of Nadiad for the Revenue year ending the 31st July 1s67, and of requesting the favour of your submitting the same to the Revenue Commissioner, N. D, with the view of obtaining the sanction of Government to the rates introduced.
2. I must premise by informing you that in accordance with the Revenue Commissioner's Memorandum No. 260 of the 18th January 1866, Maximum dry crops rates. addressed to the Collector of Kaira, the rates originally proposed were slightly altered; that is to say, the maximum of some vilages was raised, and in
others lowered. The statement below shows each village in the class it now stands in others lowered. The statement be

1st Class.
7 Pátis of Nadiád, Rate Rs 6-4-0.
2nd Class. Rate Rs. 5-8-0. *

| 8. Chikhodra. | 15. Futtepur Nadiád. | 19 Sulun Tulp |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 9. Dumral. | 16. Gutal. | 20 Chuklasi. |
| 10. Piplug. | 17. Bilodra. Fields on the | 21. Nursunda |
| 11. Samurkha. | north of the river | Mehmudpu |
| 12. Tundel. | specially lowered for | 22. Kumla. |
| 13. Dubhan. <br> 14. Murira. | distance. <br> 18. Sulun Wanto. |  |
|  | 3rd Class. Rate Rs. 5-4-0. |  |
| 23, Bháluj. | 29. Dawura. | 35. Rasnol. |
| 24. Keriavi. | 30. Selore. | 36. Akhrol. |
| 25. Bhumel. | 31. Lambhuwel. | 37. Bamnoli. |
| 26. Hathnoli. | 32. Sarsa. | 38. Alajda. |
| 27. Piplata. | 33. Turnol. | 39. Mitral. |
| 28. Kunjora. | 34, Bedwa. | 40. Boriavi. |

4th Class. Rate Rs. 5-0-0.

| 41. Jjurpura. | 47. Wuletwa. | 52. Budapura. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 42. Chulali. | 48. Surasamul. | 53. Wurtal. |
| 43. Rahatulao. | 49. Urera. | 54. Tarpura. |
| 44. Sirdarpura. | 50. Kasur. | 55. Od. |
| 45. Kunjrao. | 51. Dholi. | 56. Khumboluj. |
| 46. Davapura. | . |  |

5th Class. Rate Rs. 4-8-0.
57. Khankua.
58. Dagjipura.
59. Futtepur Bháluj.
61. JJakhla.
62. Meghwa.
63. Lingra.
64. Wunsol.
65. Sili.
66. Gungapura.
67. Bhurrora.
68. Asipura.

6th Cläss. Rate Ris. 3-8-0, special.

| 69. Khanpur. | 71. Khakunpur. | 73. Sureli. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 70. Sundulpur. | 72. Dhuleta. |  |

70. Sundulpur.
71. The maximum Bágayet water rate of 10 rupees per acre, originally sanctioned

Bagajyet water rate. having proved (as was anticipated) to be too high, aption of a maximum Bágayet

From Superintendent to Revenue Commissioner, No. 37 of 31 1st January 1867.
Revenue Commissioner's reply No. 704, dated 14th February 1867. the Revenue Conmissioner, N. D., consented to the ussar equal to a rate of $7 \frac{1}{3}$ rupees on the acre. In had become weaker in wells, and the water had receded since the classification was made in 1862-63-this phenomenon is supposed to have been caused by the sharp shock of an earthquake which
visited Gujarát on the 29th April 1864.
4. It was stated in the preliminary report that 73 villages were under settlement, but Number of villages under settlement." $\quad \begin{array}{ll}\text { by conversion of "Asipura," formerly a hamlet of }\end{array}$ Number of villages under settlement. Lingda-into a distinct village, the correct number is now 74.
5. A statement showing the area and assessment of dry crop, rice and garden lands in each village held under the Senja and Narwa tenures respectively, is appended-which is so clear that any explanation of its columns is unnecessary.
6. The following table gives the total area of culturable land, and shows the changes Extent of culturable land. which have taken place since the first report was -ubmitted:-

A. g. The above difference is owing to
having been excluded from the head of
Government Narwa and entered in the accounts as alienated.
20118 Sarkari Ilaỉdi transferweđ from Government to alienated.
8,43010

## Deduct.

1619 Difference caused bỳ small pieces being included in village sites corrections, \&c. \&c.

## 8,41331

7. In consequence of the changes mentioned in paragraphs 2 and 3 an accurate comparison between the estimated figures and the "actuals" is not possible, although by a coincidence it so happens that the general result of the settlement comes within a very small sum of the estimate. For example:-

The estimated Revenue Survey Kamal of Sirkari land, Muzmun
and Narwa,-inclusive of Narwa Barkali, see paragraphs 72
and 86 of the first report was $\quad . . \quad$..: $\quad 4 . \quad$ as. p. ${ }_{2}$ Rs. a. p.
Whereas the "Actuals" are Srkari $\quad . .$.
Narwa Barkali二henceforth to be entered as atienatêd

8. The following table shows the total assessment at survey rates of all description of land :-

Tablim No. 1.


\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{} \& \multirow{3}{*}{$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Senja and } \\
& \text { Muzmun or } \\
& \text { Narwa. }
\end{aligned}
$$} \& \multicolumn{2}{|l|}{Total Lands entered as Government.} \& \multicolumn{5}{|c|}{Lands entered as Alienated.} <br>
\hline \& \& \multirow[b]{2}{*}{Ruce land.} \& \multirow[b]{2}{*}{Assessment,} \& \multirow[b]{2}{*}{Dry crop land} \& \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{Carden lands,} \& \multirow[b]{2}{*}{Eice land.} <br>
\hline \& \& \& \& \& Sool. \& Kuesar on wells. \& Total Assessment, \& <br>
\hline 1 \& 2 \& 19 \& 20 \& 21 \& 22 \& 28 \& 24 \& 25 <br>
\hline \multirow[t]{2}{*}{$74\{$} \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Senja ...
Narwa ...

Total .} \& $$
\begin{array}{rccc}
\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\
17,275 & 8 & 0 \\
10,238 & 15 & 0
\end{array}
$$ \& \[

$$
\begin{array}{rrr}
\text { Rs. } & \text { an } & \text { p. } \\
134,778 & 13 & 0 \\
1,04,648 & 2 & 0
\end{array}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{array}{rccc}
\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\
2,14,864 & 9 & 0 \\
29,423 & 0 & 0
\end{array}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
\text { Rsv. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\
26,170 & 14 & 0 \\
4,517 & 5 & 0
\end{array}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{array}{rrr}
\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & p_{0} \\
21,725 & 7 & 0 \\
8,444 & 1 & 0
\end{array}
$$
\] \& $\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { R8. } & \text { Bn } & \text { p. } \\ 47,800 & 6 & 0 \\ 7,961 & 6 & 0\end{array}$ \& Rs. a. 25,946 15 2,98815 <br>

\hline \& \& 27,512 80 \& 2,39,426 150 \& 2,44,287 90 \& 30,688 30 \& 25,169 80 \& 55,857 110 \& 28,915 14 <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \multirow[t]{3}{*}{} \& \multirow{3}{*}{Senja and Muzmun or
Narwa.} \& Lands entered as Alienated. \& \multicolumn{6}{|c|}{Total Assesgment of all the Arable Land in Nadiad.} \\
\hline \& \& \multirow[b]{2}{*}{Assessment.} \& \multirow[b]{2}{*}{Dry crop land.} \& \multicolumn{3}{|c|}{Garden land.} \& \multirow{2}{*}{Rree land.} \& \multirow{2}{*}{Assessment.} \\
\hline \& \& \& \& Soil. \& Kussar on wells. \& \begin{tabular}{l}
Total \\
Assessment.
\end{tabular} \& \& \\
\hline 1 \& 2 \& 26 \& 27 \& 28 \& 29 \& 30 \& 31 \& 32 \\
\hline \(74\{\) \& \multirow[t]{2}{*}{Senja ...
Narwa ...

Total

ar} \& $$
\left|\begin{array}{rrr|}
\text { Rs. a. } & \text { p. } \\
2,88,707 & 13 & 0 \\
40,358 & 5 & 0
\end{array}\right|
$$ \& \[

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
\text { Rg• } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\
3,21,940 & 0 & 0 \\
1,03,379 & 0 & 0
\end{array}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{array}{rccc}
\text { Re. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\
32,360 & 8 & 0 \\
15,368 & 15 & 0
\end{array}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{array}{rrr}
\text { Rs. a. } & \text { p. } \\
25,983 & 10 & 0 \\
13,047 & 10 & 0
\end{array}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \mathrm{p} \\
58,324 & 2 & 0 \\
28,416 & 0 & 0
\end{array}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{array}{ccc}
\text { Rs. a. } & \text { p. } \\
43,222 & 8 & 0 \\
13,205 & 14 & 0
\end{array}
$$

\] \& \[

$$
\begin{array}{rrr}
\text { Ra. } & \text { a, } & \text { p. } \\
\mathbf{4 , 2 3 , 4 8 6} & 10 & 0 \\
1,45,001 & 7 & 0
\end{array}
$$
\] <br>

\hline \& \& 3,29,031 20 \& 4,25,310 00 \& 47,789 70 \& 37,011 40 \& 88,740110 \& 56,428 60 \& 5,68,488 10 <br>
\hline
\end{tabular}

9. From the following you will see the total difference between the revenue under the old and new systems respectively :-

Table No. 2.

| Number of Villages. | On account of government culitiated land; |  |  |  |  | ON ACCOUNT OF-ALIENATED LANDS. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Lama Syantm. |  | Suriky Statem |  | Net increase caused by the Survey. | Lamis Sxatim, | SURVEY SYgikm. |  |
|  | Cultivated Acres. | Rupees of assersment in Samyat 1922 A D. 1865-66. | Lands actually in cultrvation. |  |  |  |  | eaused by |
|  |  |  | Acres. | Assessment. |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 74 | 52,581 $\frac{18}{40}$ | $\begin{array}{rlll} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 2,26,944 & 3 & 0 \end{array}$ | $52,581 \frac{18}{40}$ | Rs. <br> 2,30,515 <br> 13 | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs } & \text { a. } & p \\ 8,571 & 10 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { R.s. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 1,04,593 & 11 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rg. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 1,38,272 & 13 & 0 \end{array}$ | Ths. A. p. 3,367 2 0. |

TOTAL OF GOVERNMENT AND ALIENATED LAAND.

| $L_{\text {ata Staming }}$ |  |  |  |  |  | Strivex Sxatem: |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assessment of Salamia according to columns 3 and 7. | Cesses which were |  |  |  | Total of late system. | Total of Government and Alienated Land, eolumas 5 and 8 | Net increase caused by the Survey. | Mrscel-laneouslitems otLandRevenue"Nugdee," | Total Oovernment Revente according to the settlement. |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Imposed as } \\ \text { fixed Sala- } \\ \text { milton } \\ \text { oultivatod } \\ \text { land. } \end{gathered}$ | Absorbed in the assergment of Government land. | Struck off. | Total Cosses, |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 | 11 | 17 | 13 | 14 |  | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { H. } & \text { at } & \text { p. } \\ 3,31,537 & 14 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Res. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 3,450 & 77 & .0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { Rs* } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 258 & 5 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 269 & 11 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs, } & \text { A. } & \text { p. } \\ 3,078 & 7 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rll} \text { Rs. a. } & \text { p. } \\ 3,35,51 G & 5 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Ry } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 3,68,788 & 10 & 0 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { R8. } & \text { an } & p \\ 33,272 & 5 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs, } & \text { a. } \\ \text { 4.044. } \\ \text { 4, } & 11 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Re, } & \text { a. } & p \\ 8,72,833 & 5 & 0 \end{array}$ |

10. The total assessment under the new settlement (vide columns 2 to 5 of Table No. 2) amounts to Rs. 2,30,515-13-0, to which for the purpose of comparison Rs. 20,608-2-0 should be added on account of quit rent derived from Narwa Barkhali. This is required, be-
cause the revenue realized on Narwa Barkali up to the introduction of the survey settlement was included in the lump assessment of Government land. The actual increase, therefore, amounts to Rs. 24,179-12-0 or about 10 per cent. on the realizations under the
old system.
11. A further increase of Rs. 8,911-2-0 (see column 14, Table No. 1)-may be expected on account of arable waste being brought under cultivation.
12. Under this head there has been an increase of Rs. 33,679-2-0. Even deducting Assessment on alienated land. Rs. 20,608-2-0 for quit rent-(the 4 -anna settlement of Narwa 12 per cent. on former collections. This may be attributed to :(a)
(a) The change of the "Asra" into the measured bigha in reckoning the amount of fixed Bigoti Salamis which caused an increase of area equal to 8,000 acres.
(b) Difference between old and new assessment imposed as additional Salami on alienated holdings in respect to Government Khatabandi lands-vide paragraph 16.
(c) The conversion of a portion of the cesses payable under the late system into a fixed Salami on alienated lands, held now, or originally by persons liable to them.
13. From the total revenue of the taluka Rs. $3,72,833-15-0$ (as shown in column 19 of Total revenue of the taluka table No. 2) a deduction should be made of Rs. 7,800-13-0 on this year. between the old and new the survey rates were introduced this year, the difference Rs. $462-3-1$ is on account of minor remissions. $7,338-9-11$ ) was remitted. This balance Rs. 462-3-1 is on account of minor remissions.
14. With the exception of Rs. 1,364-12-3, a balance in the course of collection, the Outstanding balance. whole of the revenue due, Rs. 3,65,032-8-0, was realized on the 31st of July last.
15. In columns 8,14 and 20 of Table No. I and column 5 of Table Na. II is included the assessment of Tlaidi lands entered as Government, and in
column 26 of Table No. I and column 8 of Table No. II those entered as alienated.

Tude $M_{r}$. Pedder's report on the commutation of quit rents The following statement will show and fluctuating cesses in Matur, No. 3, dated 11th April 1863. how the settlement of these lands has been made.

Total Area and *Assessment.

of which

| Have been entered as Government and fully assessed. |  | Have been entered as Alhensted. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Acres. | Assessment. | Acres, | Assessment. | Salamie inclusive of summary settlement. | Nuksan or Lose. |
| $29{ }_{40}^{23}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs.. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 139 & 6 & 0 \end{array}$ | 20118 | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 1,020 & 3 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 347 & 9 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 672 & 10 & 0 \end{array}$ |

This distribution has been made in accordance with the instructions contained in the Revenue Commissioner's letter No. 660-A of the 19th March 1864.
16. In making the settlement of these lands it was necessary to decide in each case K̇hatabandy lands. whether alienated land held by' a' Khátádár' was ineluded' in Khatabandy lands. his." Kháta Patta" or not. For,' as the late Reverue 'Commissioner very justly observed, the difficulty in dealing with Khátábandy land is to sécure to Government the extra assessment (which has hitherto been imposed on Government lands, on account of alienated lands being held thereevith)-and on the other hand not to tax unjustly alienated lands separate from the holding:
17. When on' examination of the "Khatáwar Patta" it was found that the alienated lañds held by the Khátádár were included therein, then'a Salami equal to the difference between' the former amount" of the "Kháta" and the new assessment, plus the commuted cesses, was imposed on the alienated lands.
18. But when on the other hand it was found that the alienated land held by the Khátádár was not included in his "Khátáwár Patta," then it was evidenthe held his alienated land separate from his Kháta, in which case no extra assessment was imposed. This settlement was' just and fair, and gave a great deal of satisfaction. The total amount of increase of Solami cautsed by excess of assessment on Government Khatábandi lands under the old system is Rs. 642.
19. The settlement of quit rents, cessess, \&c., on alienäted land has been carried out $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Alienated lands, } & \text { in accordance with the Reveriue Commissioner's memoranda } \\ \text { Nos. } 612 \mathrm{~A} \text { and } 707 \mathrm{~A} \text { of } 1863 \text {-and only one point calls for }\end{array}$ notice.
20. In letter No. 612 A of the 25 th April 1863, the Revenue Commissioner directed Mallat Swádio. that fluctuating Swadios should be commuted on' the principle of taking, a 12 years' average for the lands under cultivation, and imposing a minimum rate on lands'which happen not to have paid the cess, but which are liable to pay. Government in their Resolution No. 2426, of 24th June 1864, para. 11, ruled that instead of the above, the average total sum collected in the last 12 years from the cieltivated lainds onty shonld bè distribated over all lands liable to Swadio.
21. In my letter to the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., No. 71 of the 16 th February, it was pointed out that under the mode of commutatiou sanctioned by Government those persons who haye not paid any Swadio for the last 12 years would have to pay more under the commutation than is due from them for simple liability, and they would complain that, not only are they compelled to pay according to their own liability but a share also on account of the liability of others. I pointed out that if this were brought to the notice of Government, they would perceive that the plan proposed by the late Revenue Commissioner was not only more equitable', but more favourable to the revenue than the other.
22. Upon this Government passed the Resolution No. Sas3 of the 8th March 1866, Recelved with the Revenue Commissioner's endorse- sanctioning the re-adoption of the Hononrable nent No. 1188 of I4th 1 dem. Mr. Ellis' plan which has consequently been carried out in this settlement and has given satisfaction.
23. I now turn to the special settlement of 26 Narwa villages noted in the

| Special settlement of Narva Villages. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. | Kakarkhar Patı. |  | 14. | Salun Talpad, |
| 2. | Hrrji Patí. |  | 15. | Pıplag. |
| 3. | Ruttanji Patr. | Nadiad. | 16. | Chikhodxa, |
| 4. | Chaklasi Pati | Kasba. | 17. | Bharoda. |
| 5. | Alad Pati. |  | 18. | Rasnol. |
| 6. | Bhumel. |  | 19. | Khambholaj, |
| 7. | Lukhawad Pati. |  | 20. | Lingda. |
| 8. | Tranole, |  | 21. | Lambhvel. |
| 9. | Chaklasi. |  | 22. | Narsanda. |
| 10. | Sarsá |  | 23. | Ajarpoora. |
| 11. | Wurtal. |  | 24. | Koonjraw. |
| 12. | Kasar. |  | 25. | Pansora. |
| 13. | Dabhan, |  | 26. | Ode, |
|  | 1. Kasur. <br> 2. Khambholuy: <br> 3. Bhumel. |  | 4. | Lingda. Koonjraw. | margin, and must premise by informing you that before the settlement was commenced I isstred a proclamation to the Narwadars to ascertain their wishes as to whether they would prefer "Akar" (the survey assessment) for their respective shares or a continuance of the Phala system. The subject was also discussed at the time of settlement, and every endeàiour made to bring all the Narwadars to one way of thinking, 21 villages preferred the Phala system, and five villages only agreed to have the settlement made according to the "Akar." Ajarpura petitioned that the Narwia might be abolished, but' as one sharer dissented this could not be done as complete unanimity is the essence of the Narwa tenure.

24. The proclamation issued to the Narwadars generally conveys all information regarding the principle on which the settlement was made, and is given below-
"Be it known to the Narwadars of Nadiad. Your lands from the year Samvat 1222 A.D. 1866 , will be assessed by me according to survey rates. It is therefore required of you to decide whether your desire that your Narwa holdings should be brought under the Senja Vahivat (i.e., the usual Begotie Vahivat) and management according to survey rules, or whether you wish to continue the Narwa tenure intact. If you choose to continue the Narwa, you will have to submit to the following rules-
"1st. The survey assessment on the full area of Narwa lands will be recovered from each sharer in proportion to his shares in the Narwa according to the existing system whether it be in annas or otherwise, thus:-

"You will always be assessed in this proportion whether your lands are cultivated or lying waste, you will not have the option of giving up any unprofitable portion.
"2nd. No distinction will be made on account of the quality of land, held by any shareholder, whether it is Bagayet, Jerayet, or Rice, rich or poor. The lump assessment on the entire lands will be divided according to the share held and the Jamma will be levied in proportion to such shares irrespective of the value of any individual's field. Thus they who have Bagayet lands will profit more by this arrangement than they who have simple Jerayet fields in possession. It therefore behoves you to well consider before you decide.
" Srd. If the Narwadars mutually agree to pay the Government assessment on fields actually in their possession without taking into consideration the proportion of shares, no objection will be offered to such an arrangement. The exandple given above is what will be adopted in the event of the Narwadars agreeing for the Narwa instead of the suryey settlement.
"4th. If you desire to enter the name of a co-sharer in the records, it will be permitted with certain restrictions as to too minute subdivisions of the co-parcenary.
"5th. If you wish to adopt the Senja Vahivat, you will not be disturbed in possession of the fields you now hold, which will be continued to you subject to the survey assessment. Furthermore, you will reap great advantages from the tenure in being able at pleasure to extend or contract your cultivation according to your means."
25. The statement given below exhibits the effect of the Narva Settlement in each village :-

Effect of the Narva Settlement in the 26 Villages as compared with the Old System.

26. It is to be remarked that the exclusion of fractions (in the anna value of the -E Exclasion of fractions in anna value Narwa) is, when practicable, very desirable, and simplifies of Phala considerally the calculation of the shares of the Narwa.
27. With this view (and bearing in mind the assessment by the old Jumma) we fixed the new amount of the Phala.
28. It is advantageous because by allowing a small margin between the survey land assessment and the amount of Phala to be paid by the Narwádárs, the rights of Government in other imposts (other than the assessment in land) connected with the Narwa are preserved.
29. The following abstract shows how the above principle has been appled in the settlement of each village :-

| No. | Villages |  | Division of tha Nablas. |  | Value of each anna of Narwa by the survey settlement. | Fized value of each anna by the new Phala. | Amount of old Phala. | Amount of new Phalan | Characteris tio divisions. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Annas. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Sharers } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. | Rs, |  |
| 1 | Kakarkhar Pati | $\cdots$ | $211.5 \frac{1}{3}$ | 186 | 30001 | 30120 | 7,113 | 6,501 | Annas. |
| 2 | Hryı Patı ... | ... | $157 \cdot 9$ | 51 | $\begin{array}{lll}16 & 5 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}16 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | 2,885 | 2,589 | Do. |
| 3 | Rattanjí Pati | . | $73 \cdot 2$ | 39 | $\begin{array}{lll}13 & 1 & 7\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}13 & 2 & 0\end{array}$ | 1,080 | 960 | Do: |
| 4 | Alad Pati ... | ... | 348 | 24 | 15810 | 1600 | 614 | 554 | Do. |
| 5 | Chuklasi Pati... | .. | $2411 \frac{9}{4}$ | 157 | 42149 | 44.40 | 13,113 | 10,670 | Do. |
| 6 | Tarnol ... |  | 229 | 48 | $\begin{array}{lll}90 & 2 & 7\end{array}$ | $98 \quad 0$ | 3,048 | 2,229 | Do. |
| 7 | Sarsa ... ... | ... | 19212 | 264 | $\begin{array}{lll}16 & 8 & 7\end{array}$ | 20.0 | 6,313 | 3,855 | Pagri. |
| 8 | Wurtál | ... | 4. | 14. | 13388 | 14400 | 1,134 | 576 | Rupees. |
| 9 | Dubhan | ... | $497 \cdot 18$ | 144 | $\begin{array}{lll}10 & 4 & 2\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}10 & 5 & 0\end{array}$ | 4,308 | 5,125 | Bıgas |
| 10 | Pıplag | ... | 344. | 108 | $\begin{array}{rrrr}3 & 0 & 1 \\ 50 & 7 & 7\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ | 1,553 | 1,118 | Annas. |
| 11 | Chkkodra .. | .. | $96 \cdot$ | 147 | $\begin{array}{llll}50 & 7 & 7\end{array}$ | 52.00 | 6,632 | 4,992 | Rupees. |
| 12 | Bharoda ... | ... | $40^{\circ}$ | 41 | 74129 | $\begin{array}{llll}78 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | 2,356 | 2,980 | Annas. |
| 13 | Pansora $\quad$.. | - | $45^{\circ}$ | 71 | $\begin{array}{lll}70 & 0 & 4\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}71 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 4,090 | 3,195 | Do. |
| 14 | Lakhavad Pati |  | 318.8 | 156 | $\begin{array}{lll}15 & 2 & 0\end{array}$ | 15660 | 5,210 | 4,900 | Do. |
| 15 | Rasnol ... | $\cdots$ | 45.0 | 57 | 70 | 7100 | 4,090 | 3,195 | Do. |
| 16 | Lambhvel | ... |  | 5 | 30838 | 310 0- 0 | 1,456 | 1,860 | Bigas. |
| 17 | Narsada |  | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}240 \\ 100\end{array}\right.$ | 168 | $\begin{array}{rrr}5 & 11 & 5 \\ 13 & 7 & 1\end{array}$ | 60 $* 146$ | \} 4,097 $\{$ | 1,440 1,440 | Do. |
| 18 | Ode :.. |  | $100^{\circ}$ $80^{\circ}$ | r 72 | $\begin{array}{rrr}13 & 7 & 1 \\ 220 & 15 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}* 14 & 6 & 6 \\ 221 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | $\int_{15,264}^{1,097}\{$ | 1,440 17,680 | Annas, Do. |

*In thas casea a fraction could not be avoided as both Bhage have equal value,
30. The next subject to be considered is the plan adopted for dividing the Phala in those yullages in which the Narwadárs did not agree to settle for their holdings according to the survey "Akar."
Redistribution of Phala.
31. It is necessary to mention that owing to the exclusion of "Narwa Barkhali," the condition of each Bhág of Government Narwa land was, relatively, completely changed, and a redistribution of the Phala became an essential element in the settlement, and was adopted with the full consent of the Narwádárs:
32. This arrangement was absolutely necessary, as a matter of equity, in the case of those Narwádárs whose shares in the "Narwa" contanned a large portion of alienated land, which, after exclusion from the Narwa, was transferred to the parties by whom it was occupied, but it will be understood that these changes notwithstanding the total Government demand remained unaltered.
33. In the villages noted in the margin the value of the Narwa in each Bkfor remains

## Chaklasi. <br> Ajarpura. Salun Talpad.

 unchanged, but the amount of the Phala was fixed for each Bhág according to mutual understanding and an adjustment made in those cases when the amount of the Phala was either in excess of or less than the survey "Akar."34. In "Dabhan" the Narwádars agreed that the distribution of the Phala should be made according to the extent of Narwa lands in each sharer's possession, and rent according either to "Akar" or "anna value."
35. It will be observed that the same rale has not been applied in all villages, but this cannot be helped, for the various circumstances of particular
One rule not applicable in all the Narwa villages. individuals and of particular villages must be duly considered to terms which the whole body will any attempt can be made to bring the parties concerned to act with equity and justice towards each other.
36. It often happens that the adjustment of the Narwa Barkhali alters the relative value of the holdings of co-sharers, brothers, \&c., and to make them understand that the redistribution of the Phala has been adopted to meet this difficulty, and to make the

Government demand have equal incidence is no easy matter; for it is especjally to be + Sec. VIII, of Regulation 17 of 1827 remembered that the setlling officer has no power + to change anything (however right and advisable he may deem it to be unless all the Narwádárs are unanimous.
37. Government will be glad to learn, however, that notwithstanding many difficulties Results satisfactory. this settlement bas beon brought to a satisfactory conclusion, and that the redistribution of the new Phalas of the Narwa has been carried out on such equitable principles, that no reasonable objection to the settlement can be made by any. of the sharers.
38. Of the 26 Narwa villages, two (Khambolaj and Ode) came under settlement this year, as the requisite information could not be obtained in time to introduce the settlement last season, in consequence of separate instructions on several points having been applied for to the Revenue Commissioner.
39. It will be noticed that the revenue has benefited by the revised Narwa settle-

Financial result of the revision of the Narwen ment to the extent of Rs. 3,439-4-4. Although the new Phala on Sirkari Narwa is less by Rs. 18,318-1-8 than the old mixed Phalla, yet the Narwa Barkhali land which has been excluded from the new Narwa and subjected to a cess of 4 annas in the rupee of the nooksan, plus the ordinary quit-rent, more thann makes up the deficiency, as will be seen by the following figures-

40. The reasons for the increase or decrease of the quit-demand in the 26 Narwa villages do not require special notice (except in Chuklasi, Khambholaj and Ode) as they are owing, chiefly, to the adjustment of Goverament and Barkhali lands in the new Narwa, Increase or decrease in the new ment of Goverament and Barkhali lands in the new Narwa, consequent on the exclusion of Barkhali, or to the increased area resulting from a careful measurement.
41. In Chaklasi the extent of land found by measurement was greatly in excess of bighas entered in the accounts but as the excess is, mostly, in the possession of alienees, the erihanced assessment does not fall on the Narwádárs:
42. In Khambolaj the inerease is nominal, because the "Kothli Sanths" on Government Narwa lands, under the old system, were paid to the owners by the Narwadárs, independent of the amount of jummábundy paid to Government, Under the present settlement the fall assessment will be brought to Government account, and the payment of "Santh" will be made direct from the treasury. All the correspondence and information regarding the "Squth" " settlement will be made over to the Settlement Officer, N.D., by this department,
43. In Ode the Narwádárs could not come to terms among themselves relative to the exclusion of the Barkhali land from the Narwa-consequently, all the land has been assessed as Government Narwa. Had they chosen to exclude the Barkhali as was done by the Narwádárs, in other villages, the majority of the sharers would have been consider. able gainers,
44. The Muzmun lands in Ode (unauthorizedly included in the Narwa) have been separated from the Narwa accounts, so that in future no complications can arise from their being included in the Jamma of Narwa lands.
45. During the enquiry, necessary for the preparation of the settlement papers of

Narwa Barkhali land. villages held on the Narwa tenure, it was arcertained that a considerable area of land held as Narwa Barkhali, was then in possession of the Narwadars themselves. And a doubt arose as to whether Government was aware of this fact, when they passed the resolation, noted

Resolution of Govt. No, 2481, n Revenue Commisaloner's letter No. 308 of $29 t \mathrm{th}$ March 1864 . in the margin, ruling that Narwa Barkhali, generally, should be guaranteed by a Sanad as permanently alienated land-(on the Narwádars consenting)-subject to a special quit-rent of 4 annas in the rupee. The doubt that occurred to us was whether Narwa land (although called Barkhali and entered as such in the books), could be considered bond fide alienatod land when held by Narwadars in their own shares of the Narwa.
46. In referring the point for the decision of Government, the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., expressed his opinion" that as both old and more recent legislation relating to the Narwa tenore has carefully provided against the permanent alienation by the Narwâdars of the rent-paying lands, they are not entitled to any remission of assessment on account of land which they may have temporarily alienated and subsequently again redeemed." Government ruled in the resolution quoted above, Superintendent, Revenue Survey to Revenue Commiss1oner, No. 114 of the 23 ra March 1866.
No. 1789 of 25 th April 1866 . No. 1789 of 25th April 1866. Resolution of
ond May 1866. that although the Revenue Commissioner was theoretically correct, yet as those alienations
are ancient,--hare to some extent been recognised, and as no revenue has been realized are ancient,--hare to some extent been recognised, and as no revenne has been realized therefrom for a long course of years, we shoald not be justified in assessing them till the Narwa tenure breaks down-and that it is preferable to abandon the revenae, rather than excite the discontent which the levy of the full assessment would engender.

Reallution. In the cases described in para. 22
Resilution. In the cases described in para. 22 ment not only facilitated the eettlement bat was in accordance with the wishes of the Narwadarr. In this and sumlar cases full assessment should of course be imposed on alienated lands in possession of Narwadars. The resolution of Government No. 1613 was intended to apply to cases in which objection might be taken to the levy of the full assessment.
47. On a further representation from the Revenue Commissioner, N. D.-in handing up Mr. Trevor's report on the settlement of certain Narwa villages-the resolation quoted in the margin was passed, and the Commissioner in No. 3414 of the 7th August 1866 directed that this order should be acted on in Nadiád. It will be seen in the sequel that this order has been strictly carried out.
48. I shall now explain the method adopted in settling the Narwa Barkhali. The settling officer collected all the Narwadars and personally acquainted them with the orders of Government in regard to the question of excluding alienations from the Narwa, and the application of a 4 -anna settlement to these lands-after taking an agreement from the Narwadars, the owners of all Narwa Barkhali lands were called up-and their rights having been seftled and determined a summary settlemenl of 4 annas in the rupee in addition to the original salami or quit-rent was imposed. When Narwa Barkhali land was found standing in the name of a third party, but in possession of a Narwádár-the Narwadár was called upon to prove his right, and failing to do so (by documentary or other reliable proof), the full assessment was imposed apon the land.
49. In s̀everal cases it was found that the Narwádárs paid a nominal "Kothli Santh" to the original Barkhali holders and were unwilling to restore

## Narwa lands liable to Kothli Santh and Government assessment.

 the land-under such circumstance no course was left but to fully assess the land, as Government, which in reality, it is. The Narwádárs will therefore have to pay the Government demand as well as the Santh, a liability they cheerfully accept rather than relinquish their right as superior holders. This is not to be wondered at, as land in the Charotar is now very valuable.50. The statement on the other side shows in detail the area under asse ssment and the distribution of Narwa Barkhali in 14 villages in which it was found-according to the survey system and the old system, and the quit-rents realizable under each-of which the follow-
Comparative statement of Narwa Carkali old and new system.
ing is our abstract :-

|  |  |  |  | Rs. a. p. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Salami according to the old system | $\cdots$ | ... | --... | 13,134 | 11 |
| Ditto according to the new system | .." | ... | ... | 14,104 | 40 |
| Four annas settlement ... | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | 6,503 | 140 |
| Land fully assessed | ... | ... | ... | 2,532 | 10 |
| Total according to the new system | .* | ... | ... | 23,140 | 0 |
| Increase under the new system | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 10,006 | 111 |

4 Comparative Statement of the Narwa Barkhali Land according ta the Old and New System respectively.

51. In conséquence of the correspondence referred to in paragraphs 45,46 , and 47 , which $\begin{array}{ll}\text { Irrarnamas. } & \text { took place regarding the exclusion or otherwise from the Narwa } \\ \text { of Narwa Barkhali land, held by Narwadars themselves, the }\end{array}$ sanction for carrying out the Narwa settlement was delayed till very late in the season of 1866. On the receipt of this sanction an enquiry was at once set on foot to determine the area of Narwa Barkhali land in each village of which no perfect record was procurable. This was a most difficult and onerous duty and entailed the attendance before thie Assistant Seftlement Officer of every man concerned. These in the aggregate numbered 2,170 persons to each of whom certain questions had to be put and replies elicited, before the papers could be prepared for the settlement. With great difficulty, and only by devoting every moment to work, were these papers prepared in time to settle the new Jamma, prior to the closing of the Revenue year. Immediately on the opening of the season 1867 the preparation of the "Narwa Barkhali Patracks for the Borsad Taluka commenced, and the villages held in this tenure are so numerous and the difficulties and complications so great, that the enquiry entailed an amount of labor quite beyond our expectations."
52. Although the details connected with the preparation of the Ikrarnamas in Nadiad are in progress, they are not so far advanced as they would have been had the enquiry above referred to not been so tedious and prolix; but I trust, nevertheless, that by the time an answer shall have been received from the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., relative to Ghar Bharu, and tenant right generally in Narwa villages, most of the preliminary papers requisite for the preparation of the Ikrarnamas will be in a forward state, but it must be remembered that the information to be collected is verg elaborate, and will require time, patience and considerable hard work.
53. In Narwa villages the produce of fruit trees belongs to the Narwadárs In Senja

## Fruit trees.

 villages the realizations from this source amounted to the insignificant sum of Rs. 890-10-3. I am most respectfully of opinion that the froit trees should be given with the occupation of the land on which they stand, so that no invidious comparisons may be made between the Narwa and Senja tenures.54. The average rate now imposed by the Survey are as

Average rates. follows:-

| Group of Villages. | Dry-crops. | Garden soll water. | Rice soil water. | General average |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p.- | Rs. a. p. | Rs a. p. |
| Class I. | $5 \begin{array}{lll}5 & 0 & 9\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}11 & 4 & 2\end{array}$ | 71111 | $6 \quad 610$ |
| " II. | 4611 | $\begin{array}{llll}9 & 2 & 4\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}6 & 7 & 1\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}5 & 2 & 4\end{array}$ |
| " ILI. | 400 | 8113 | $\begin{array}{lll}6 & 4 & 4\end{array}$ | 4.58 |
| ", IV. ... | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 13 & 9\end{array}$ | 7139 | $5{ }^{5} 814$ | 4.210 |
| " V. ... ... | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 3 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 & 5\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}6 & 10 & 9\end{array}$ | 431411 | 3 7 3 <br>  1 11 |
| " VI. ... ... | 215 | 000 | 37 |  |

55. The financial result is a total increase of Rs. 42,183 in the revenues of the táluka (about 12 per cent.) as will be observed by the following detail:-
Financial result.

| 1. The new Narwa settlement gives an increase of |  | Rs. 3,439 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. Assessment of cultivated Senja land gives an increass of | ... | 16,762 |
| 3. Assessment of waste in Senja Muzmun | ... | 8,911 |
| Total increase in Government land | ... | 29,112 |
| 4. Increase of quiti rent under the new settlement | .. | 13,071 |
| Grand total Government and alienated land | ... | 42,183 |

56. Although the survey rates were introduced last year many changes had to be effected in the revision of the Bagáyat Kassar this season as alluded Jamábandi. to in paragraph 3.
57. After receiving instructions from the Revenue Commissioner, a trustworthy Classer was deputed to the vullages in which $*$ diminishment of the How the Bagdyat revision was spring force was the subject of petition To prevent unreasonconducted

- Vide ante para. 3. able complaints, and the loss of the Classer's services and my own time, it was ruled that no inrestigation should be made unless the well owner agreed to pay the Classer's wages in the event of his petition proving untrue. 'This measure was not adopted with a view to economy only, but to check vexatious petitions. I am glad to say the precaution worked well, as several persons who had previously complained (on the supposition that an order would be issued without any particular examination,) declined the services of the Classer, and tacitly admitted the equity of the "Kassar."

58. The revised Kassar upon Government and alienated lands amounts to Rs. 39,011-4-0, Bagayat Kassar. being Rs. 22,476-12-0 less than originally imposed. The sum rate of Rs. 5-2-0 per acre, to which must be added the dry-crop rate for soil which gives Rs. 9-14 as the average garden rate for the whole district.
59. The cause of this reduction is evident. The original maximum water-rate of Rs. 10 per acre, for a first' class well, was reduced to Rs: 7-8-0, which caused a decrease of Rs. 15,362 . The balance Rs. 7,114-12-0 is the reduction consequent on allowing an increased area for rotation of garden crops, and the difference between the full Kassar and the reduced assess. ment imposed on compatatively new wells, the owners of which, if not entitled to Gampat, had still a claim to consideration, in consequence of having improved their lands by the sinking of wells within a very recent period.
60. It is true that these occupiers should have applied for permission to sink wells, by doing which they would have secured the usual "Gumvut." Having done so without permission however they had no right to the indulgence alluded to above, which was conceded only, because it appeared equitable and in accordance with the spirit of the Survey system.
61. I can report with confidence that the revision of the Bágayat assessment has given great satisfaction, and that no discontent remains.
62. It will be satisfactory to Government to learn that Mr. Ráo Bahádur Shambhuprasad Laxmilal, Assistant Settlement Officer, has given me the utmost assistance in this very difficult and intricate settlement, and it is not too much to say that I should have experienced great difficulty in carrying it through without him.
63. In conclusion I venture to hope that Government will be pleased to guarantee this settlemennt for a period of 30 years (dating from the introduction of the revised rates into the Mehmadabad Taluka of the Kaira Collectorate), but until the general question relating to Ghar-bharu and tenant rights in Narwa villages shall have been finally disposed of I would most respectfully recommend that the guarantee should extend to Senja villages only

And have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
C. J. PRESCOTT,

Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarát.

Statement showing total old and new Assessment of all the Villages of the Nadiád Táluka.


[^11]PS,-After prep ation of the report, it was discovered that Ro, 30 shown under the head of "Cultivation" should have been entered under "Waste." Correction has been de accordingly in this statement.

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# Revinum Department. 

To

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

Baıoda, s1st March 1868.
Sir,-I have the honour to submit for the orders of Government a report from Major Prescott, Superintendent of the Gujarat Revenue Survey, soliciting sanction to the usual guarantee for thirty years in the táluka of Nadid́d in the Kaira Collectorate, of the revised rates of assess-. No. 1001, dated 12th March 1867. $\begin{aligned} & \text { ment provisionally sanctioned for the past year 1866-67, in the } \\ & \text { Resolation of Government noted in the }\end{aligned}$
2. The táluka, as will be seen from the correspondence herewith forwarded, has been a very difficult one to arrive at a satisfactory settlement in. Having a just reputation as one of the richest districts in Gujarat which is borne out by the description of the country given in Major Prescott's letter No. 418 of the 25th November 1865, it is very evident to those intimately acquainted with it that its remarkable productiveness is due more to the industrious character and great agricultural skill of the majority of its inhabitants than to any natural fertility of soil, and this fact fully accounts for the condition of many villages situated side by side differing as it does. The inferior villages were cultivated by Kolis, as a rule unskilful as agriculturists and the reverse of industrious in their habits; the superior by Kunbies, famed as farmers, and unequalled in the patient, laborious treatment of their lands Under the old system of revenue management, which that of the survey had to supplant, this dufference of circumstances had had the fullest advantage taken of it to impose heavy assessments on the villages held by the latter, those populated by the former getting off much more cheaply. This was the favourite native system of assessment according to caste, which has made it so difficult in almost all parts of Gujarát that have as yet come under revision to remore the injustice of a very unequal pressure of taxation without an unnecessary sacrifice of revenue. This has been the chief cause of the delay, which it will be seen from the correspondence has occurred in submitting the revised rates for final sanction. I believe, however, that everything has now been satisfactorily settled, and that the settlement can be confidently recommended for sanction.
3. The population, as shown in the 24th paragraph of Major Prescott's report, is denser than that of Belgium, and the agricultural statistics given in paragraphs 26 and 27 prove that their circumstances are unusually prosperous. This is further proved by the fact that of the whole arable area of the táluka only 4 per cent. was not under cultivation. There is in fact waste land ouly in the Kolie villages bordering on the Mahi river, the entire arable land in most of those nearer Nadiad itself being under the plough, and much of this bearing double crops every year.
4. In the assessment of such a district there was no margin left for the recovery by the cultivation of waste land of any reduction that might be made in the revenue. The demand for land is great and the supply small, and it accordingly bears a high saleable value. The aim borne in mind in pitching the rates was, therefore, particularly the equalisation of the burden as far as possible on the different classes of the people, and such moderate increase as the rise of late years in the prices of agricultural produce and the improvement of the means of communication by the opening of the B. B. and C. I. Railway appeared to warrant. The latter, it will be seen from paragraph 10 of the Superintendent's letter No. 424 , of the 17 th October last, has amounted to about 10 per cent.
5. It will be seen that I at first thought the rates fixed by Major Prescott too high. Having subsequently, however, met him and ascertained that the great increase shown in the 86 th paragraph of his letter No. 418 of 1865, Rs. 45,411, or 19 per cent. on cultivation, was really nominal, in consequence of the assessment of alienated lands in Narvadari villages having been entered in his statements at its full amount, instead of the quit-rent on such lands only being taken, the dry-crop rates and grouping of villages mentioned in my Memo. No. 259 of the 18th January 1866, were decided on.
6. In reporting on the financial results of the settlement in his letter No. 702, of the 28th December 1866, the Superintendent stated his opinion that the rate of Bagayet Kussur directed in the 10th paragraph of my letter to the Collector, No. 4580, of the 23rd December 1865, was too high; but on examining the details of the settlement, it appeared to me, as will be seen from the accompanying copy of my letter on the subject, that the manner of applying the rate had been faulty, the full Bagayet Kussur or well rate having been imposed in all cases, whether the theoretical quantity of land irrigable from one water-bag, viz. $3 \frac{1}{2}$ acres, were available under the well or not, and no allowance having been made for the extra expense required in cultivating and consequent lower value of land under wells to which there belonged an insufficient quantity of land for a full rotation of crops. At the same time the people began to petition that the water in many of their wells had recently sunk to a lower level than it had been at when the examination by the classers on which the
garden rates had been fixed was made. This was also found to be true, and it was in consaquence of this discovery that I asked for the temporary sanction of Government last year to the rates of Bagayet Kussur which Major Prescott and I, after careful examination, 'thought would be suitable. The result, as shown in the 58th paragraph of Major Prescott's final report, No. 424 of 1867, has been a diminution of demand on the latter account of Rs. 15,362, and on the former of Rs, 7,114-12, or altogether Rs. 22,476-12. The total assessment of Rs. 39,011-4, as it now stards, gives an average garden rate of Rs. 9-14 per acre. The average rate on land in Government villages not held on the Narvadari tenure and on that common to the Narvadars in villages on that tenure in which alone the old rates could be ascertained from the records, was Rs. 8-9-5 per acre, the increase on the rate being thus about 14 per cent. The accounts of Narvadari villages not being in sufficient detail to show the assessments on account of dry-crop, rice, and garden lands separately, no comparison can be instituted between the total assessments under each of these three heads by the old and revised systems.
7. A comparison between the average rates of rice land, obtained in the same manner as that above, under the old and new systems gives Rs. 4-4-11 for the former and Rs. 5-12-3 for the latter per acre, an increase of about one-third in favour of the new. In dry-crop the old average of lands entered in the statement was Rs. 3-7-10, whereas the general average under the survey rates is Rs. 3-13-10, an increase of six annas or over 9 per cent.
8. Taking into consideration the great advantages this táluka possesses in having a railway running through it with three stations either withnor close upon its borders, and the increase of late years in the value of agricultural produce, this enhancement of revenue is one that it can bear without difficulty, and may be confidently recommended for sanction. There is little or no cotton grown in Nadiád, the soil being better suited for more valuable crops than for it. Prices will, therefore, not be much affected by the fluctuations of that staple in value and the price of its most valuable product, that of $t$ bacco, will henceforward always rule proportionately higher than fornerly in consequence of its being now permanently connected by rail with the great market of Bombay. I believe there is no doubt that much finer tobacco (in the sense of delieate) could be produced than there is now, so as to become suited for the European as well as the Indian market. Experiments will probably be made in consequence of the Government lResolution No 272, dated 6th February 1868. bably be made in consequence of the margin, and if these are successful the still further advance of this already rich talluka in material wealth will be secured.
9. It will be seen that the Superintendent (para. 63 of his letter No. 424 of 1867) recommends the grant of the guarantee for the rates for thirty years only in the Sueja (or directly managed) villages as distinct from those held on the Narvadari tenure of which there are 26 in the taluka. The questions relating to "Ghur bharao" (house rent) and other points effecting the respective rights of the Narvadars and their tenants whieh have been referred for decision in my letter of the 14th March last (No. 1143), involve the very essence of the tenure, in which the former will never give way except on such compulsion as the refusal of the guarantee until they come to terms. I do not for a moment recommend the adoption of such a measure for that purpose, but consider that the position of the Narvadars themselves will be so greatly affected by the introduction of some such a law on the subject of tenant right as that I had the honour to submit lately, which, I believe, must in the course of events occur within the period to which the guarantee would extend that it would be advisable merely to guarantee that the rates shall not be enhanced before a general revision of assessment in the whole collectorate takes place, but to fix no precise period to which this guarantee shall apply.
10. The complicated nature of the settlement required by the peculiarities of the Narva-

No. 20, dated 18th September 186ã, submitted to Government 1865, submitted to Goverament With this office 17 Nugh 1866 . dari tenure has been described in former reports submitted to Government and particularly in Mr. Trevor's letter noted in the margin. It would be superfluous, therefore, to recapitulate the details here. It will be seen from paragraph 23 of the Superintendent's letter No. 424 of the 17 th October 1867, that of the 26 Narvadari villages in the Nadiad Táluka, only five bave elected to pay revenue according to the survey assessment of the land in the occupancy of each share-holder, and the remainder preferred to do so, without reference to the survey valuation of the lands in the several shares, according to the proportionate shares fixed by usige. The difference. between the two methods of payment will be understood by reference to the example given in the proclamation. The five villages (supposing them to be divided into three shares respectively of the nominal value of 8,6 , and 2 sixteenths) have agreed to pay for those shares severally Rs. 120, Rs. 80, and Rs. 50, and the rest Rs. 125, Rs 93, As. 12 and Rs. 31-4 on the same, the total survey assessment of R.s. 250 being in either case made up.
11. In paragraph 39 of Major Prescott's letter No. 702 of the 28 th December 1866, he reports a slight deviation from the principle of fixing the total rentals of these villages according to the survey assessments which he has adopted in certain cases. This and the slight decrease in a few villages explained in the detailed remarks, have been adopted chiefly with a view to the exclusion of fractions, in the rentals of the following villages, and may, I think, be sanctioned. Kunjrao (paragraph 39 and 60), Nadiád Chaklasi Pati (46), Nadıád I think, be sanctioned. Kunjrao (paragraph 39 and 60), Nadaadar Pati (53), Nadiád Hirji
Kakarkhar Pati (50), Nadıád Ulád Pati (52), Nadiád Lavar

Pati (54), Nadiád Rutanji Pati (55), Punsora (60), Narsunda (62), Bhurora (63), Dubhan (64), Piplug (66), Chikodra (67), Wudtal (70), Salun Talpud (71), Ujurpura (74), Sársá (75), Turnol (77), Rasnol (79), and Chuklási (80). The settlement of Od (paras. 82 to 86 ), had finally to be made in consequence of the Narwadars not agreeng amongst themselves as to the deduction of the alienated land from their shares and the apportionment of the assessment, by including the whole of that land in the Narwa at the full survey assessment. This is reported in paragraph 43 of the Superintendent's letter No. 424 of the 17 th October last.
12. The mistakes of the Collector's department noticed in paragraphs 61 and 73 will be enquired into from my office. With regard to Major Prescott's remarks in paragrahs 88 to 90 , I am inclined to doubt the correctness of his idea that most of the Narwadars would prefer the survey system of rayatwarı settlement. Moreover, to attempt to substitute the latter for the former at the present juncture, before the legislation which, I have already expressed my belief, must be ere long resorted to to define occupancy rights in land in this Presidency has been matured, would be simply to runn a very large body of proprietary cultivators, who in consequence of the imperfect state of the present law (Act I of 1865) are utterly without any legal status. The framers of that Act, legislating, with the exception of Sections 37 and 38 , for a state of matters in which none but the direct tenants of the State were recognised, have rendered the position of all occupiers of the soil whose names are not entered authorisedly in the revenue accounts as those of the persons responsible to Government for the payment of assessment extremely precarious. Such persors in Narwa. dari villages are very numerous, and there is no doubt whatever that if the Narwas were broken up the Narwadars would claim occupancy rights in all the lands of their villages, and most probably be supported in their claim by the C1vil Courts, which could not recogaise as authoritative any adverse entry in the record of rights framed under Section 27 of the Act, from that document not having the force of a judicial decree. The provisions of that Aet are in fact quite inapplicable to the cases of villages in which there are middlemen such as the Narwadars, and as ats final section upholds Regulation XVII of 1827, in Section 8 of which the rights of such middlemen are distinctly preserved, matters can never be satisfactorily settled withuut fresh legislation. Great as are the benefits of the survey system, it cannot with any shadow of justice be carried into force to the destruction of the vested rights of a large and influential body of middlemon such as the Narwadars are, especially when the doing so would, as explained, act prejudicially to the interest of the very class they were designed to protect. Our wisest policy with regard to such villages would be one similar to that which has been adopted in the case of the Tálukdárs of Oudh , by which the position of the superior holders has been maintained, and at the same time liberal concessions in the matter of tenant rights have been given to those cultivating their lands. A rayatvari tenure is not such an unmixed good that we can afford to purchase it by the sacrifice of a middle class of small proprietors whom it has been found in other parts of India, and I believe will everywhere be found most advisable to uphold. Even in the savage state society has grades, and there is a useful place for middlemen as well as for tenants with rights exactly on the same level as those of all their fellows.
13. In the matter of the fruit trees (Major Prescott's para. 53 of No. 424 of 1867), the Mr. Ellis's No. 2545, dated rules of 1862 quoted in the margin have boen directed to be 13th October 1862. put in force.
14. With regard to the point noted in paras. 92 to 95 of Major Prescott's letter relative to wells constructed in waste Government land and used for the irrigation of alienated land, there can be no doubt, in my opinion, that the full Kussur imposable according to the survey system should be placed on the wells, and be apportioned as a quit-rent on the several fields, if the owners of them desire it, according to the respective areas entitled to water.
15. The rates of Bágáyat Kussur on wells having been revised and remission given in the case of recently constructed wells, there is no necessity for further carrying out the recommendation contaned in Major Prescott's 26 th para. I do not understand the reason of entering the villages numbered 8 to 14 under this paragraph, as they have no wells and consequently no assessment has been imposed. In the rest the amount imposed is inconsiderable. The principles on which alienated lands have been excluded or included from the Narwars, as explained in para. 2 of the report (see also paras. 45 to 49 of No. 424 of 1867) are correct, and may be approved, as also may the settlement of the Betheli Vera explained in the details of some of the divisions of Nadiád.
16. The settlement of Ilaidi lands described in paras. 15 to 18 of the report of the 17 th October last (No. 422) has been affected according to instructions, as well as that of the quit-rents and other fluctuating cesses on alienated lands detailed in paras. 19 to 22.
17. I fully concur in the Superintendent's opinion of the ability and indefatigable industry displayed by R. B. Simbhuprasad. Luxmilal in the settlement of the various com. plicated questions conuected with the settlement of the Narwadari villages in this táluka It may be safely said that there are but very few of our most experienced native revenue officers who would have been found capable of carrying out the readjustment of shares to satisfaction of the pecple in the manner reported by the Superintendent in paras. 30 to 37 of his letter No. 424 of 1867.
18. There are ten villages in the táluka in which Major Prescott in a former letter recommended a temporary reduction of rates on the plan sanctioned fre certain villages in Resolution No. 2427 of 27th June Mátar. I had determined before agreeing to the reduction proposed on the ground that the rents were greatly increased beyond what the cultivators as Kolies had been accustomed to pay, to watch the effect of the new rates and see whether they led to any of the land in the villages being thrown up. I find no mention of these villages made in the present report, but as correspondence on the subject of the reduction of the rates is still going on, think it as yell to solicit the sanction of Government to reduce the rates temporarily in the manner allowed by the resolutions quoted above, if on enquiry it should be found advisable to do so.
19. Since para. 9 of this letter was written the resolution of Goverament noted in the margin has been received, and is being carried into effect. I No. 555 of 11 th February 1868 . margin has been received, and is being carried into effect. 1 carried out without difficulty except in the village of Od , and it will be therefore advisable not to extend the guarantee to that village until the result of the enquiry now going on in it becomes known. I would also recommend the same course for adoption with reference to the Chaklasi Pati of Nadıad in which the information necessary to frame the record of rights according to section 27 of the Survey Act proves to be very difficult to obtain. Under the present circumstances, therefore, I think the usual guarantee for the permanency of the rates of land revenue proposed for thirty years (dating from the introduction of revised rates into the Mehmadabad Táluka) may be given in all but the two villages just mentioned, with the reservation that this guarantee does not effect the question of assessment on account of "Gbur-bharao" authorised by the resolution noted above.

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

(Signed) A. ROGERS,
Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

## Revenue Survey and Assessment.

No. 3586.
Reyenot Departhent.
Bombay Castle, 24th September 1868.
Letter from the Revenue Commissioner N. D., No. 1349-A, dated 31st March (1868)Submitting for orders, with his own remarks, a report from Major Prescott, Superintendent of the Gujarát Revenue Survey, soliciting sanction to the usual guarantee for thirty years in the Táluka of Nadiád, in the Kaira Collectorate, of the revised rates of assessment provisionally sanctioned for the year (1866-67) in Government Resolation No. 1001, dated 12th March 1867.
Resolution.-The Revenne Commissioner N. D. submits for disposal the papers connected with the settlement of the Nadiád Táluka of the Kaira Collectorate. It will also be necessary to consider the Revenue Commissioner's Report No. 768, of the 19th February 1867, the Resolution of Government on that letter having sanctioned the rates for only one year, and the orders having been passed only to allow time for a more complete exposition of the details of the proposed settlement.
2. The maximum rates and the grouping of the villages are given in the former report, There seems to have been much uncertainty on this point, owing, it is presumed, to the difficulties stated by the Revenue Commissioner in his second letter now under review. The rátes first proposed by the Superintendent were set aside for others suggested by the Revenue Commissioner, and these latter again were altered in a memorandum framed by the Revenue Commissioner after further consultation with the Superintendent of Sarvey. These last ratem (vide Memorandum No. 259 of 1866) appear to have formed the basis of the settlement of which the result is now before Government.
3. The maximum rate of Rs. 6-4-0 adopted for the several divisions of the Nadiad Kasba appears to be appropriate, and the maximum of the lowest group, Rs. 3-8-0, appear to be judioious, considering the very great difference between the advantages of the kasba town and those of the Koli villages on the banks of the Mahi.
4. The intermediate grades proposed, viz:-

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| " | 4 | 8 | 0 | do. | V. |

are also approved.
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5. To the grouping as it now stands, greatly improved as it is compared; with that which the Revenue Commissioner at first proposed, some exceptions may be taken. It is observed that the Revenue Commissioner has reproved those who pay "too much attention

Vide paragraph 5 of No. 4580, of 23 rd December 1865.
to the effect" of the new settlement "upon cultivators' payments" and who fear a too sudden rise in the demands of Government. But it is not understood on what other principle some As an instance, may be cited Bhumel, very much raised even of the villages are grouped. As an instance, may be cited a place in the secocd class with in the Class III, but by its position it might have found a p
6. It is not necessary, however, to disturb the grouping of these and some other villages, which might, it seems, have been better placed.
7. 'There are two, however, which are so much raised by the present grouping that they are among those for which the Superintendent proposed to apply a special lower rate. These two villages, Chalali and Tarpura, may quite as appropriately be placed in Clasa $V$ as in Class IV, and to Class $\nabla$ they should now be reduced.
8. On the other hand, a sufficient regard has not been paid to the proximity of the Anand Railway Station in grouping some of the villages around it. Fo a small differenee of 4 annas it is unnecessary to disturb some of these villages which might have been raised a class, but as Anand itself is to be placed in a group having a maximum rate of Rs. 6, there is absolutely no reason why Chikhodra, which has precisely the same advantages, should not be assessed at the same rate. Chikhodra accordingly should be placed in the Rs. 6 group of the Borsad villages, it having been transferred to the Anared Táluka, recently formed out of the villages before attached to Nadiad and Borsad.
9. It seems that the Superinteodent had in a previous letter suggested the application to a few villages in this táluka of the principle approved in the settlement of Mátar and Mehmadabad so as to give a lower rate during the corrency of the new settlement to villages inhabited by Kolis, and very much rased in their assessment by the application of the new rates. This question is revived in paragraph 18 of the Revenue Commissioner's Report, but in his letter No. 162 s , dated 20th April 1צ68, the Revenue Commissioner expresses an opinion that the reduced rates are not required. Looking, however, to the very decided opinion of the Superintendent in his letter No. 22-A, of 14th March 1867, and to the statement forwarded by Ráo Bahádur Sumbhuparsad after further enquiry, the Governor in Couneil considers that these villages should, to some extent, receive the benefit of the ruling adopted in Matar and Mehnadabad.
10. Upon considering for which of the villages in question the reduction should be sanctioned, it appears that the village of Dbuleta does not require an exceptional rate. The rise does not exceed 50 per cent., and it already is grouped with the villages of the lowest rate. The rate in two others, Tarpura and Chulah, may property be reduced in the ordinary course of grouping, as has been ordered above Seven villages, therefore, are left for the application of the special rate. The whole of these, with the exception of Wunsole, may have a rate of Rs. 4-8-0, whle Wansole may have a Rs. $3-8-0$ rate. This will give all the seven villages a rate lower by Rupee 1. Care will be taken to enter these villages properly, so that at the next revision they may be assessed in the group to which they naturally belong.
11. It is very satisfactory to find that the high maximum bagayat rate which the Revenue Commissioner in the first instance desired was abandoned for a moderate maximum of Rs. 7-8=0. It is understood from paragraph 61 of the Superintendent's report that this rate has given great satisfaction to the cultivators. The total average rate on garden land sọil rate and bagáyat kassar included is now Rs. 9-14-0 per acre, and the demand is less under this head than was at first proposed by Rs. 22,476.
12. The increase in the whole táluka under the several heads of dry crop, rice lands, and, garden lands, shows about 10 per cent. in advance of the former assessment. This increase can well be borne, there being a railway right through the district, with several stations within or close to its boundary.
13. Government will be glad to have reports from time to time of the success of the experiments in the growth of tobacco referred to in Mr. Rogers' 8th paragraph. The experiments should be encouraged, as having a very important influence on the prosperity of this taluka, in which a large quantity of tobacco is already grown.
14. There seems to be no reason for deferring a guarantee of the fixity of assessment for the usual period to Narwa villages. The questions referred to in the Revenua Commissioner's 9 th paragraph do not affeet the assessment, except in respect to the Gharbharu. As stated by the Revenue Commissioner in paragraph 19, orders on this subject have been issued, and, in conformity with those orders, a reservation will be made in all Narwa villages. With this reservation, the gaarantee for thirty years, from 1862-63 (the date of the introdnction of the rates into Mehmadabad), may be given in these as well as in othor villages both for the imperial Revenue and the local rate for Roads and Education.
15. But before extending the guarantee to Ode and the Chaklasi Patti, the Revenue Commissioner should report more in detail what are the special circumstances in those villages to render the postponement of the guarantee advisable.
16. It will be correct in giving the guarantee to Narwa villages to express the guarantee as being given until the expiration of the period of settlement, or if the Narwa breaks before that date then only until the breaking of the Narwa, for, of course, Government do not guarantee the Narwa assessment for longer than the Narwa tenure exists.
17. The difficulties experienced in the settlement of the several Narwa villages have been clearly explained by Major Prescott, who appears, with the assistance of Mr. Sumbhuparsad, to have satisfactorily overcome all difficulties not inherent in a continuance of the tenure.
18. In paragraph 12 Mr . Rogers has made some remarks in reference to a letter of Major Prescott, but has not forwarded the letter referred to. The practice of discussing matters not before Government is extremely inconvenient. Major Prescott's letter shonld have been forwarded or reference should not have been made to it. The observations of the Revenue Commissioner are not clearly understood. There is no trace of any attempt on the part of Major Prescott to substitute a Rayatwari settlement for the Narwadari system where the latter exists; and if the Revenue Commissioner means that he himself would advocate such an attempt after legislation in respect to occupancy rights, the Governor in Council is not prepared to agree with him. But it seems unnecessary to discuss in this place the rights of occupants in Narwa villages, as the subject is under discussion separately, and has been introduced here by the Revenue Commissioner incidentally only, and in relation to a report not before Government.
19. In paragraphs 14 and 15 the Revenue Commissioner has again referred to a report of Major Prescott's in regard to the bagayat rates, but has omitted to send copy of the report referred to. It is gathered from a copy of Mr. Rogers' lotter No. 399, appended to these papers, that there had been a difference of opinion between the Superintendent and Revenue Commissioner, the former having considered the rates desired by the latter to be excessive. It would appear that the lower rate has been finally adopted, and that there is now no further difference of opinıon. This is satisfactory; but if this ımpression be erroneous, copy of the correspondence should be forwarded, and it should be specifically stated on what points the orders of Government are reguired.

## F. R. S. WYLLIE,

For Acting Chief Secretary to Government.
To
The Revenue Commissioner N. D.
Major C. J. Prescott, Acting Survey and Sattleanent Commissioner S. D.

## No. 1440.

Extract from the Proccedings of the Government of Bombay in the Revenue Department, dated 8th April 1869.

Read the following despatch from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for India to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council, Bombay, No. 9, dated 25th February 1869 :-
Para. 1. I have considered in Council the proceedings of your Excelliency on the introduction of the revised rates of assessment into the talukas of Borsad and Nadiad, in the Kaira Collectorate, which were transmitted in the letters from your Secretary numbered 49 and 54, and dated respectively the 26 th of September and 17 th of Uctober last.
2. I approve these proceedings, which guarantee the settlement for thirty years from 1862-63, and am gratitied to learn from the papers before me that the prosperous condition of these two tálukas promises to be permanent. Care has, nevertheless, been wisely taken not to raise the rates, which have been much affected by the extraordinary rise in the value of agricultural produce, so high as not to leave a margin for a possible fall in prices.
3. The suitableness of the soil for tobacco of a superior kind is a circumstance which is likely to prove a source of profit to the Nadiad Taluka, and if the introducion of the superior sorts alluded to in my predecessor's despatch of the 24 th of November last succeeds, it will be very advantageous to the district.
4. I am glad to see that your Government encouraged the experiments already going on, and desired to be made acquainted with the results of the reports which you called for on the subject.
5. I have perused with high gratification the strong testimony which was borne by Mr. Rogers and Major Prescott, and endorsed by your Excellency in Conncil, to the industry, judgment, and conspicuous ability displayed by Mr. Sumbhuparsad thronghout these settlement proceedings.
6. Major Prescott's plan for checking smuggling, by licensing the cultivation of opiam, seems worthy of consideration.

Resoldtron.-Copies should be forwarded to the Revenue Commissioner N. D. for information, and for communication to the Superintendent Revenue Survey and the Assistant 'Settlement Officer, Gujarát, with reference to Government Resolutions Nos. 3318 and 3586, dated respectively the 1st and 24th September last.
2. Extract paragraph 18 of Major Prescott's report on the settlement of the Borsad Taluka, with paragraph 6 of this despateh, shonld be sent to the Commissioner of Customs, Salt and Opinm, for the favor of his opinion and report.

Ordered that copies of the above be forwarded to-
The Revenue Commissioner N. D.,
Major C. J. Prescott, Survey and Settlement Commissioner S. D., The Commissioner of Customs, 'Salt and Opium.

WASUDEV PANDURANG, For Chief Secretary to Government.

# J. DeCOURCY ATKINS, Esquire, I.C.S.; <br> Collector of Kaira; 

To
J. K. SPENCE, Esqure, I. C.S.;

Commissioner, N. D.

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\text { Sir, Kaira, } 17 \text { th August } 1894 .
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I have the honour to submit the accompanying report by Mr. Deputy Survey Superintendent Fernandez on the revision settlement of the Nadiad Taluka in this district.
2. The report was received in the time of my predecessor Mr. Woodward. Information called for by him had not been collected when he handed overcharge to me, and subsequently I, being without any Assistant, and burdened, therefore, with the charge of two offices, have not had leisure till now to review so important a report.
3. I have had opportunities in the past year of acquiring local knowledge in this táluka, of which I'was in charge as sub-divisional officer, for the whole touring season : and it has also been my business, when dealing with cases under the Land Acquisition Act, to collect somewhat extensive oral and documentary evidence bearing on the value of agricultural land. I am therefore able to attempt a criticism in this case with more confidence than I could feel when reviewing, last year, the revision settlement report on Mehmadabad. The discussions and the Government orders recently passed on that settlement are of assistance in dealing with the present proposals.
4. In revising the settlement of Nadiad it is important to recollect that the táluka, as now constituted, comprises, besides a few Mátar villages, 51 villages which formerly belonged to the defunct Mahudha Táluka, and 38 which belonged to the original Nadiád Taluka. And we must bear in mind that, when comparing present circumstances with circumstances at the time of the original settlement, we have to take into account two different sets of the latter; and the circumstances of Mahudha are, in this case, the more important, whether we consider the number of villages, or the area involved, or their total present revenue, or the total increase of revenue proposed by Mr. Fernandez. Approximately his first two groups consist of Nadiäd villages and his other three groups of Mahudha villages. The following figures, extracted from Appendix Q, show at a glance the net result of his treatment of the two sets :-


It will be seen that the increase in the Nadiad villages is very much smaller than in the Mahudha villages. Mr. Fernandez has not clearly shown the reason for this; but I shall endeavour to show it. For, though I shall argue that sa

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great a distinction is unnecessary, and that the Mahudha villages are too highly. assessed, I admit that a comparison of the circumstances of the original settlement of Nadiad with those of the original settlement of Mahudha, and a comparison of the improvements of the Mahudha villages with those of the Nadiád villages, indicate that a higher inorement of land revenue is justified in the northern part of this taluka than in the southern.

## PART II.-(Prices).

5. It is probably admitted that rise of prices, though not the sole justification for increase of revenue at revision settlements, is at all events the most tangible one: and I shall therefore commence, as I did when reviewing, last year, the Mehmadabad report, by discussing, the history of prices. A distinction must be made between the price history of the Mahudha villages and that of the Nadiád villages of this táluka. I shall therefore deal with them separately. Mr. Fernandez makes no such distinction in his paragraph 46.
6. As regards rise of prices in the Mahudha villages it will suffice, in respect of details, to refor to my discussion of price history in my review of the Mehmadabad report. I there showed that the Mátar Settlement rates (and the present Mehmadabad Táluka consists, for the most part, of villages which formerly belonged to the old Mátar Táluka) were believed to be framed on prices somewhat lower than the prices of 1862, but were expected to be found heavy, were introduced experimentally, and were prevented from being found heavy by the rise of prices in 1863. I argued therefore that the high 1863 prices bad some effect on securing the establishment of the rates before their final submission for sanction; and, therefore, instead of saying that the price basis of the rates was somewhat lower than the prices of 1862, it would be fair to hold that prices not lower than those of 1862 justified the original settlement. I thought it was approximately correct to treat the actual prices of 1862 as the price basis of the settlement: and on comparing those prices with recent prices, I argued that the rise of prices deduced by Mr. Fernandez (from 35 to 47 percent.) was incorrect and that the actual rise of prices in the course of the period of the original settlement merely justified an increment of revenue by from 15 to 20 per cent. My arguments were not refuted and I can therefore apply them to these Mahudha villages now in question, the western ones of which adjoin Mehmadabad Táluka. I was at first inclined to think that, as the original Mahudha settlement was made after the original settlement of Mátar (including Mehmadabad) and therefore at a time when prices had risen further, the price basis of the Mahudha original settlement might be considered somewhat higher than that of the old Mátar (or Mehmadabad) Táluka; and hence the rise of prices during the currency of the former settlement should be considered somewhat less than that during the currency of the. latter settlement. Further study, however, has induced me to think that as regards price history, both tálukas may reasonably be treated on the same footing. For in the first place the Mahudha proposals were framed finally (though not reported on) several months before the Mátar rates, after their experimental trial, were finally recommended for the sanction of Government: and in the second place I have found that the pitch of the Mahudha rates was quite as low as the pitch of the Mehmadabad (or Mátar) rates for similar dry crop laṇd, I have been unable, therefore, to come to any other conclusion than that (as in Mehmadabad) rise of prices during the currency of the original settlement justifies an increment of from 15 to 20 per cent. in the land revenue of the Mahudha villages of the Nadiád Táluka.
7. So much for the Mahudha villages of this táluka, i.e., the last three groups in paragraph 4 above. As regards the Nadiad villages, to which Mr. Fernandez's paragraph 46 properly relates, a more extensive discussion is necessary. It will have been seen, from the discussion of prices in my review of the Melimadabad report, that I reject. Mr. Fernandez's system of ascerfaining rise of prices by arbitrarily comparing present prices with the average prices for seven years before the original settlement. Such a system of averages is of course justifiable when we have to deal with a period of no great variation in prices. But when the variation is enormous and we have to deal at revision with an

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original settlement made at the end of a period of steadily and largely rising prices, ( 350 per cent. in 7 years) we must be cautious, and cannot arbitrarily strike an average. In order to ascertain what prices were the basis of the original settlement we must scrutinize the original settlement reports with care. This I shall do in my next paragraph. Before doing so I quote here the prices given by Mr. Fernandez (Appendix $N$ ) for the years before the settloment. They must be kept in mind when considering the quotations I shall give. I take the two staples bajri ${ }^{*}$ and rice $:$ and as tobacco is important in these vil-
lages, $I$ include it also $:-$

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| 1859-60 |  | $\cdots$ | 57 | 58 | 20 |
| $1860-61$ | ... | . | 50 | 52 | 19 |
| 1S61-62 | ... | ... | 47 | 44 | 18 |
| 1862 -63 | ... | ... | 42 | 47 | 16 |
| 1863-64 | ... | $\cdots$ | 25 | 40 | 13 |
| 1864-65 | ... | ... | 18 | 22 | 13 |

Captain Prescott's report (No. 418; dated 25th November 1865) was written just after the expiration of $1864-65$, when prices had been steadily rising and had got to the top.
8. In paragraph 50 of his report Captain Prescott wrote:-
(a) "There is a very. general impression that Nadiad has been much more highly assessed under the old system than the neighbouring districts. Some villages may have been, but, considering the decided superiority of the soil, the denseness of the population, Its favourable situation as regards markets, and the very superior skill of the cultivators, this is most certainly not the case as regards the majority. No doubt a few of the Narva villages may have been a little pressed in hard times, bnt I do not hesitate to say that the average rate of assessment is undoubtedlylow in these days of prosperity, and (considering the very great advantages the Railway has given the district) much lower in proportion than those of Mehmadabad, Mahudha and Thasra were before the revision."
-In paragraph 60 he wrote :-
(b) "I think there can be no doabt whatever that the condition and prospects of the agricultural population of Gujarat has improved more rapidly within the last 10 years than that of any other section of the community, and is, at the present moment, in a state of extraordinary prosperity. The serious and important question, as to whether this state of things will continue, is always arising to perplex the minds of assessing officers. That a new era has opened upon India, and that high prices will continue and be maintained is my fixed opinion."

In paragraphs 62 and 63 he wrote :-
(c) " 62 . It is quite possible that the present famine prices will not be long maintained, but even if cotton sinks to 7 pence in the Liverpool market (below which price I do not believe it will be remunerative to the Gujarat ryot), prices of bread, corn, und raw produce, will in all probability stand fixedly at nearly three times the amount they respectively were, when the assessment now under revision was imposedt."
( ${ }^{2}$ ) "63. Looking at this, I think the general pitch of assessment of the whole district of Nadiád may be raised about 15 per cent. on actual cultivation."
9. Some modifications were subsequently made, and, as the result, the increment was reduced to 10 per cent., and sanction was accorded in Government Resolution No. 3586 of the 24 th September 1868. In the following year in a letter (25th February 1869) approving of the settlement, the Secretary of State remarked:-
"I am gratified to learn from the papers before me that the prosperous condition of these two tálukas ' (Nádiád and Borsad).' promises to be permanent. Care has neverthelesa been wisely taken not to raise the rates, which have been much affected by the extraordinary rise in the value of agricultural produce so high as not to leave a margin for a possible fall of prices."
10. Now a reference to the figures in the Gazetteer, showing the history, of prices from the year 1790 onwards, will show that Captain Prescott could not, without absurdity, have expected prices to continue to be three times as high as"at the previous settlement, unless he expected them to be much higher than the prices of 1862-63, and nearly as high as those of 1863-64. And again as he, having already framed Mátar rates in the belief that prices would fall, formulated Nadiad rates in the contrary belief that they would continue high, it may be supposed that his price basis was higher for Nadiád than for Mátar, and hence, higher than the 1862 prices which have been shown to be the price basis of the Mátar Settlement. But then again we must entirely reject the prices of the year 1864-65 which were not expected by anybody to continue. We must recognize that the real price basis for Nadiád was at some intermediate stage between the prices of 1862-63 and those of 1863-64: and though Captain Prescott's thoughts would seem from the quotation to have run towards the latter rather than towards the former, his rates especially after the modification they subsequently underwent before receiving Government sanction could-have been justified by prices about half way between those of these two years. We perhaps get assistance in this connexion by noting that Degám, Jarol and Dantali, which were placed in Mátar, are close to and similar to Hathnoli, Bamnoli and Dawda in Nadiad, and that, whereas a rate of Rs. 4-8-0 was imposed in the former at the Mátar Settlement, Captain Prescott thought a rate of Rs. 5-4-0 necessary for the latter at the Nadiád Settlement. Here then is a distinct rise in the piteh of assessment, (justified only by the belief that prices would continue high, but not nearly so great a rise as would have been justified if prices were believed to be going to contioue at the famine rates of 1864-65-or even at the almost famine rates of 1863-64. I have applied this test similarly in cases of Mahudha villages adjoining Nadiád villages : and have similarly found a distinctly higher, though not an immensely higher, pitch of assessment in the latter.
11. On the whole, though accuracs* is out of the question, it would be reasonable, I suggest, to consider that, if rise of prices justifies, as I have argued in paragraph 6 above, an increase of revenue by 15 to 20 per cent. in the Mahudha villages of this táluka, it justifies in the Nadiád villages, an increase of not more than 10 to 15 per cent. and perhaps nearer 10 than 15 .

## PART III.

## (Further arguments regarding justification for inoreask.)

12. I have said that a rise of prices during the currency of an original settlement is perhaps the most tangible justification for increase of revenue at revision. But there are other justifications. Amongst the more important I should place the "withdrawal of temporary favours." My meaning can best be shown by an example. Suppose at original settlement a village $B$ is assessed lower than its neighbour $A$, not on account of any real disadrantages in the land or situation of the former but becanse, owing to the backwardness or low caste of its cultivators, Government officers desire to accustom the cultivators gradually to the survey rates and not to make them pay all at once the full value of their lands. [A typical though extreme case would be that of a lawless population, who prefer robbery and theft to cultivation unless the latter is made very easy for them.] Then suppose, at revision; it is found that the necessity for treating such cultivators with exceptional leniency and favour has disappeared. There will then be a justification for imposing higher rates in village $B$, and making its people pay the same rates as those imposed in the

[^12]previously less favourably treated A. And in so far as such action in the various villages of the $\mathbf{B}$ sort results in the revenue of the whole taluka under revision being slightly increased, there is, I think, a very clear justification for such increase in the total taluka revenue.
13. Another sound justification for increase of the total taluka revenue at revision is somewhat similar to the above. I may call it, "Removal of temporary disadvantrges," Here again I can best make my meaning clear by an example. Suppose at original settlement two villages A and $B$ are on an equal footing in all respects, except that $A$ has a clear road to a market, and $B$ has an unfordable river between it and its market. This disadvantage of $\mathbf{B}$ would probably lead, at original settlement, to the assessment rate for $B$ being less than that for A. But again suppose that, during the currency of the settlement, a bridge is built over the previously unfordable river: so that $B$ is just as well off as $A$. Then clearly it will be reasonable at revision to impose in B a higher rate, and the same rate as is applied to A. And so far as increase of rates in all villages of the $B$ kind results in there being an increment of land reyenue in the whole táluka under revision, I submit there is sound justification for that increment, entirely apart from any rise of prices.
14. Now in the Nadiad Taluka we find a certain number of cases of class 8 dealt with in paragraph 12 above, and a considerable number of villages of the class $B$ dealt with in paragraph 13 above. The latter are for the most part found in what I have above referred to as the "Mahudha villages" of the táluka, especially the western ones. The important change affecting them since the original settlement has been the bridging of the difficult and steep banked Shedhi river at Bilodra and the construction of the fine high road from Nadiad northwards to Kapadvanj.
15. Another matter that has a distinct, though not so easily ascertainable, bearing on inorease of assessments at revision, is market price of agricultural land. I have had to examine statistics of actual sales in hundreds and perhaps thousands of cases, for the purpose of ascertaining the value of land, for which I have had to award compensation when taking it up under the Land Acquisition Act. As the result of my study I found myself compelled, in some villages not far from Nadiád, to take Rs. 200 per acre as the standard price of unirrigated land, and no less than Rs. 400 per acre as the standard prioe for irrigated land. This did not surprise me as I was well aware of the value of land in the "second group." But I confess, I was surprised to find very high sale prices current throughout the easily accessible parts of the taluka, not only in the Nadiad villages but also in old Mahudha villages which have the advantage of the high road.
16. I am not quite sure that the railways, except of course the B. B. and C. I. Railway (which however was constructed before the original settlement), have had any important effect on the Nadiád Táluka, as now constituted: though their effect will probably be found important when we come to revise the settlements of A'nand and Tbésra. Nadiád has so large a population, and so large a local demand for grain consumption by that population, that it scarcely requires new markets for export, so far as the staple grain crops are concerned. The branch lines from Anand junction to Petlád and Godhra respectively have had some beneficial effect (especially to tobacco growers), but it can scarcely be considered important as far as cultivators of staple grain crops are concerned.
17. I think the facts noted above are sufficient on which to base an opinion as to the general increase of revenue at this revision. It will have been observed that I consider prices alone justify an increase of from 10 to 15 per cent. (perhaps nearer to 10 than 15) in the Nadiad villages and an increase of from 15 to 20 .per cent. in the Mahudha villages. In view of the other justifications for increase, I think, it would on the whole be reasonable to approach the higher limit ( 15 instead of 10 per cent) in the Nadiád villages, and to raise assessments even slightly more than the higher limit of 20 per cent. in the Mahudha villages. The percentage of increase for the first two groups combined might be from 13 to 15 and for the last three groups combined it might be from 20 to 25 .
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## PART IV.

18. The above remarks, when compared with the summary in paragraph 4 above, lead to the conclusion that considerable reductions must be made in the total assessment, under Mr. Fernandez's proposals for his 3rd, 4th and 5th groups, and that it might be desirable also, to somewhat reduce the total assessment. proposed by him for his 2nd group. In this 2nd group, by the way, the objectionable feature of a "double rate" is observable.
19. In forming groūps for the purpose of fixing dry crop rates, I submit that it is perfectly sound to recognize differences in the nature of the different parts of the táluka, though this is a subject which has not, hitherto, I believe, attracted• much attention in settlement reports. The celebrated charotar country has been called the garden of India. It has a wonderful reputation and there is a clear local recognition of its merits. The survey process of classification cannot by itself do justice to the charotar, as compared with other tracts, any more than it can do justice to the demerits of the unsatisfactory malia villages in Thásra and on the north-east corner of Nadiád. Mr. Fernandez himself recently told me that he had been considering the possibility of radically modifying the ordinary classification scale in the malia villages (of Thásra); and that a special treatment of the latter is necessary is constantly brought forcibly to the attention of revenue officers by the recent revenue history of a number of malia villages in Thásra, close to the north-eastern frontier of Nadiád. These villages are at no great distance from suitable markets, and at no great distance from overcrowded villages, where new land for cultivation is unobtainable, and they have no disadvantages of climate. Nevertheless we find that we rarely get one year's assessment as occupancy price in malia villages as compared with (say) twenty times the assessment in the charotar. We find in these malia villages hundreds of acres of land, classed as good for cultivation, but given up to the. growth of coarse grass for the Bombay Tramway Company. Attempts, have been made to encourage cultivation and the importation of cultivators by the grant of various leases on exceptionally favourable terms; but these have failed. A typical case may be mentioned as an example. In Chetursumba, only 4 miles from the north-east corner of Alina in Nadiad, a separate hamlet has been established by a missionary society as a Christian colony. This society some 14 years ago was given a lease, on favourable terms, of hundreds of acres of land classed as cultivable. Roughly speaking the terms were that it should hold the whole area but should pay assessment on only the area actually cultivated, though $\dot{a}$ minimum payment of the assessment of a quarter of the whole area made over was required. But, with so many advantages, and with numerous low caste converts in villages where land for cultivation is practically unobtainable, the society has never managed to pay more than the minimum of one quarter, and I think I am right in saying that the area actually brought under cultivation. has always been muich less than a quarter of the whole. This is not a solitary instance of the peculiar practical disadvantages of the malia villages as regards cultivation. There are numerous instances. With a more perfect classification scale the disadvantages might possibly be coped with. But the present scale does not appear to meet the case, and as we cannot sufficiently allow for the demerits in the process of classification, we are bound, I submit, to do so, as far as possible, in the process of grouping again, though for contrary reasons, the charotar advantages, which, as they are so widely known, I need not attempt to recount, have hitherto beea recognized in the process of grouping and must continue to be recognized. This is a subject which I might treat at great length; but my report is already too long, and I think I can, without further argument, rely on you and on the Survey Commissioner to support me in the view that it is sound, in forming groups, not merely to look to comparative market facilities, but to recognize clear distinction in the natures of tracts of country and to treat charotar differently from non-charotar and malia differently from non-malia. We may have a suspicion that, under an absolutely perfect system of classification, this might be unnecessary. But no practical man, with local knowledge and experience of agriculture, could possibly argue that a mere measurement of depths of soil, and deductions on account of the standard "faults" and "allowances for advantages" would alone enable us to distinguish the difference in fertility between the marvellous and magnificent artificial gorádu soil of the
charotar, and the equally marvellous though miserable soil in malia known technically as mal, though radically different from the mal in other parts of the Presidency.
20. Now Nadiád Taluka has a large group of splendid charotar villages in the south and south-east; and the rest of the taluka, with two exceptions, consists of fine villages (though with varying market advantages) known as " madhyam," i. e., half way between charotar and malia. The two exceptions are (1) a narrow belt of malia villages in the north-east corner of the táluka, and (2) a narrow belt of villages in the south-west corner adjoining the Mátar villages* and similar to them. The alterations I propose in Mr. Fernandez's grouping are based on this division.
21. In the first place I would form the malia villages noted in the margin, $\dagger$
†Sheri, Alina, Kayaj, Mirjápur, Balol, Ruppura, Ninavada and Faloli.
into a separate group, with a maximum rate of Rs. 3-8-0 instead of Rs. 4. This will have the advantage, amongst other things, of providing for most of the cases of large increment in Mr. Fernandez's 4th group. It will also give effect to the prayers of some of the petitioners.
22. In the next place in dealing with Mr. Fernandez's third group, at Rs. 5, I would give effect to the prayer in the accompanying petition of the people of Sodpur, and place their village in the Rs. 4 group. It is just outside the charotar (to which the adjoining villages of Molel and Mangroli belong) and its proper place is in the same group as that to which Chunel and Heranj are assigned. Also as the total proposed increment for this group ( $33 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.) is much too large, I think Rs. 4-8-0 instead of Rs. 5 should be adopted as the maximum.
23. In the next place dealing with Mr. Fernandez's 2nd group (Rs. 5-12-0) I may begin by remarking that it, with Nadiad city, comprises all the charotar villages in the táluka except Molel, Mangroli, Alindra and Chalali (which there Bamnoli, Davda, Dantali, are reasons for placing in a lower group). But also it Jarol, Degaum, Hathnoli, comprises the non-charotar villages mentioned in the Kamla, Bilodra, and Marida.
$\ddagger$ And Hathnoli may be considered as belonging to the same cluster. margin, all of which I would remove and form into a separate group assessed at Rs. 5. Of these villages $\ddagger$ the first five are on the borders of Mátar, as I have mentioned above and adjoin villages of that táluka rated (somewhat highly) at revision at Rs. 5. A slightly higher rate is justifiable for these six villages on account of their greater propinquity to the Nadiád market: but I see no necessity to treat them on the same footing as the charotar villages and consider Rs. 5-4-0 (which Mr. Fernandez has had to apply to Dantali, Jarol and Degaum) would be a suitable rate. The remaining villages are Kamla, Marida and Bilodra. As regards the first two, it will be seen that Mr. Fernandez hin'self, though nominally placing them in the Rs. 5-12-0 group, has actually reduced their rate as a special case to Rs. 5-4-0, the rate now proposed by me: and I would further remark that Kamla has the disadvantages of much of its land being on the banks of the Shedhi, and its position and shape do not appear to be shown with even approximate correctness on the appended small scale map. Marida is an unsatisfactory village, with some disadvantages due to the river; and Bilodra, a miserable Dharala village on the Shedhi banks, is constantly being damaged by floods.
24. The only other alteration I have to propose in dry crop rates is that the rate for the 5 th group consisting of only two very inconveniently situated villages, Ghoghawada and Wasna, should be Rs. 2-12-0 instead of Rs. 3. The latter gives too large an increment though otherwise I should not have objected to it.

- 25. The net result of my proposals is that there will be 7 groups, composed as follows:-

[^13](1) Mr. Fernandez's first group unaltered.
(2) Mr. Fernandez's second group with the exception of the villages placed by me in my newly formed 3rd group. The rate should be Rs. 5-12-0, though I will not

* (Possibly a sounder course would be to impose the Rs. 5-12-0 rate and remit the difference for the first 15 years of the Settlement).
proposed by.Mr. Fernandez.
$\dagger$ Bamnoli, Davda, Dantali, Jarol, Degam, Hathnoli, Kamla, Bilodra and Marida. object* to Salun Vanto and Fatepur being as a special case assessed at the rate of Rs. 5-4-0 as
(3) The marginally $\dagger$ noted villages taken from Mr. Fernandez's 2nd group. The rate should be Rs. 5-4-0.
(4) Mr. Fernandez's 3rd group deducting Sodpur. The rate should be Rs. 4-8-0 instead of Rs. 5-4-0.
(5) Mr. Fernandez's 4th group adding Sodpur but deducting the villages placed in my newly. formed 6th group. Rate Rs. 4.

The marginally noted villages $\ddagger$
$\ddagger$ Sheri, Alina; Kayij, Mirjapur, Balol, Ruppura, Ninavada and Falolı
deducted from Mr. Fernandez's 4th group. Rate Rs. 3-8-0.
(7) Mr. Fernandez's 5th group of two malia villages. Rate reduced from Rs. 3 to Rs. 2-12-0.
26. I think these proposals, together with the modification of "water rates saggested below, ought to work out so as to give a total increment approximately within the limits mentioned in paragraph 17 above. It will no doubt at first sight appear that there are too many groups considering the small area of the taluka. But it is impossible to treat so varying a tract on the same principles as an even plain in the Deccan where frequently one or two groups for a large táluka will suffice.

## PART V.

27. There is of course room for considerable discussion of the principles on which water-rates should be based, a matter dealt with in paragraphs 64-70 of the report of Mr. Fernandez ; but as he has actually grouped his water-rates for Nadiad in accordance with his soil rate grouping, I need not deal with the question of what should be done under different circumstances. I think his proposed water-rates for his first two groups (Rs. 5-4-0 and Rs. 4-8-0 respectively) are too heavy. They are the same rates as were previously in force : but any how the net effect on rice land of the various revision items (soil rate, water-rate, subsoil water arrangements and other field work) is that in the first and second groups old rice has to pay the very high average rates of Ris. $9 \frac{1}{2}$ and Rs. $8 \frac{1}{2}$ per acre respectively, and there have been increases of about 21 and $31^{\circ}$ per cent. respectively in the assessment on old rice, though the total increments for these groups are only $8 \frac{3}{4}$ and $17 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent. respectively. I should have thought that a maximum water rate of about Rs. 4 would suffice for each of these two groups: and this is about as high a water rate as can reasonably be imposed in any tract of country in these parts : unless, indeed, it has quite exceptional advantages (such for example as some of the khári kalambandi villages of Mátar) as regards the growth of rice. I do not at all follow Mr. Fernandez's explanation (vide end of paragraph 63) to the effect that these high rates are clearly justified by the extension of rice cultivation during the currency of the settlement. It seems to me that there is no connexion whatever between water rates and new rice, for new rice land is treated as dry crop Iand and has no water rate assigned to it.
28. Paragraphs 11 and 12 of Mr . Fernandez's. report deal with an interesting social question and parágraphs 19-22 with an equally interesting sanitary question. These are questions upon which a great deal has been and might now be written, but they are in no sense new to district officers and are somewhat remotely connected with the revision of the existing settlement rates, and therefore as I desire to confine myself as far as possible to the task of constructive criticism, I will merely remark that Mr. Fernandez's enthusiasm appears to have led him to over-colour his pictures. To the selection and assignment of Government lands for the storage of private dunghills, which have had consequently to be removed from streets and corners and from the tiny back-
yards appended to closely packed huts and hovels in too crowded and unhealthy villages, much anxious attention was given for a series of years by a former Collector, the late Mr. H. R. Cooke, whose efforts in the interests of sanitary reform in this district are believed to have led to his premature death from cholera last year. Excess of zeal may have been shown, and mistakes may have been made, here and there, as is always expected when a few officers have to supervise the entire administration of a large tract of country: but it is apparently too late to re-open the question of sanitary policy in the Kaira District.
29. Petitions objecting to the rates proposed by Mr. Fernandez have been received from the cultivators of 29 villages out of a total of 92 . Out of these villages reductions have been proposed by me in the water rates of 11 (Chaklashi Pati, Kakarkhad Pati, Kanjoda, Keriavi, Mamadpura, Piplata, Mitral, Narsunda, Vadtal, Hathnoli and Dantali) and in the soil rates of 17 (Sheri, Ninawada, Sodpur, Mahudha, Palia, Vala, Molel, Mirjápur, Mulaj, Alina, Erandiapura, Andhaj, Faloli, Kaiaj, Torania, Hathnoli, and Khuntaj). No reductions have been proposed in the soil rates of
(1). Chakláshi Pati, (2) Kakarkhad Pati, (3) Kanjoda, (4) Keriavi, (5) Mamadpura, (6) Piplata, (7) Mitral,(8) Narsunda, (9) Vadtal, (10) Dantali, (11) Mehmadabadna Muvara, (12) Bhaner.

In numbers (1) and (2) of these, though the existing assessment is undoubtedly high, the increases under Mr. Fernandez's proposals are only 4 and $7 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent. respectively, and even these will be reduced if my proposed reduction of water-rate is sanctioned. Numbers 3-9 are charotar villages: there is an absolute reduction of $19 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in the assessment of Narsunda, and an increase of only $8 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. in Mitral. In no case is the increase at all large, and in some cases it is due to the levelling up of villages, treated with special favour at the last settlement to an equality with their equal neighbours. Number (10) Dantali has been treated on the same footing as its neighbours, and I may observe that both it and they, which have a heavy increment and a large rice area, will be much benefited by my proposed reduction of the water-rate. Number (1i) is Mehmadabadna Muvara, and I consider that, as it is on the high road north of and close to Mahudha, it gets quite sufficiently favourable treatment in being placed in a lower group than Mahudha and the other villages contiguous thereto on the south-eastern, western and southern sides. I have had a good deal of thought about Bhaner (and also about Dadusar

* (To be distingnished
from Vadtál.) and Vadthal,* from which, however, no petitions have been received) : but on the whole I cannot come to any other conclusion than that the proposed rate of Rs. 4 is quite as low as is justifiable in so fine a village on the high road.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient Servant,
> J. DECOURCY ATKINS,
> Collector of Kaira.

Thromgr the Surfey Commissioner, and Director,
Land Records and Agrictulture,

## No. S-2093 of 1894.

From
E. C. OZANNE, Esquire,

Survey Commissíoner, and Director, Land Records and Agriculture;
To
The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,
Revenue Department, Poona, 31st August 1894.

## Sir,

In submitting the proposals for a revision of rates in the Nadiád Táluka, I have the honour to open my comments by approving the Collector's action in insisting on separate consideration of the old Mahudha and old Nadiád villages.

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2. I am glad that he admits that prices were not the only consideration in fixing the pitch of the old rates, and that the pitch of the Mahudha rates was quite as low as that of the Mátar rates, but with respect to Nadiád he still thinks that Captain Prescott raised the pitch on a fallacious notion, that the high prices ruling about the time of his report would continue. I have again to say that prices played a very unimportant part in fixing the pitch of the Nadiad rates. The quotation from paragraph 62 of Captain Prescott's report has, I think, been misjudged. The question is to what period Captain Prescott referred in the concluding words of that paragraph. Mr. Atkins thinks 1821 to 1824. But, as the Gazetteer (page 64) shows that the period between 1820 to 1826 was a period of dear prices, a rapid fall taking place in the next six years, so that in 1832 the price of bajri was 120 lbs . per rupee. It was to this period I think that Captain Prescott referred,-a period of low prices. It must not be forgotten that the assessments were not cash assessments till the grain contributions were commuted into cash payments. Captain Prescott's paragraph 34 and 51 show that this commutation was not made till some years at least after 1824. As a fact then the present range of prices, say the average for the last 20 years, i.e., 32 lbs., is nearly three times as dear as in the times of the cbeap prices of the period after 1826. But it is useless to press the question of prices too closely, and attempt to fix the percentage increase now due to rise in prices at a particular figure. Prices were not the chief or even one of the principal factors.
3. The pitch of the Nadiád rates was guided, as shown in Captain Prescott's paragraph 74, by consideration of the rating already fixed for other tálukas. There was naturally a rise as Nadiád was approached. Nadiád is the market of Kaira, and the centre of the Charotar; and with rates as high as Rs. 4-12 in Mehmadabad and Thasra, it required no argument based on the continued rise in prices since the settlement of Mátar to put a rate of Rs. 5-4 on the villages adjoining Mahudha and Mátar and then to go on rising till Nadiád was reached.
4. Mr. Atkins has hardly understood the reduction from Captain Prescott's 15 per cent. enhancement to the 10 per cent. enhancement finally adopted. The explanation is given in Mr. Rogers' letter of 1868, paragraph 5, where it is shown that the 15 per cent. figure had been obtained by entering the full assessment of the alienated land in the numerous narwa villages instead of the quit-rent. And so far from there being a reduction from 15 to 10 per cent., there was a rise from nil to 10 per cent. in the enhancement between the first proposals in 1865 and the final compromise in 1866.
5. The shifting of villages from one rate to another between these dates, is only explained by the evident conviction expressed by Mr. Rogers in the 2nd paragraph of the letter just quoted, that the superiority of the "Charotar" was not so much due to soil and climate as to the skill of the cultivators, to which conviction he gave effect by reducing the rates on Koli villages so that such villages as Phatepur, Marida and Salun Vanto, actually touching Nadiad Kasbo, were rated below some of the Mátar and Mehmadabad villages. These Captain Prescott had rightly grouped in 1865, as he distinctly shows in paragraph 58 of his report of 1865. He made no allowance for these villages, as he believed none was due.
6. To go back, the Nadiad villages under consideration were surveyed in 1821 to 1824, but the settlements were annual. They were reduced and raised according to season. Here and there leases for a few years ( 5 to 8) were granted. In the earlier years of direct management succeeding the farming system the tendency was to raise the rental, and the high range of prices helped to prevent difficulty. After 1826 prices fell heavily till the climax was reached in 1831 (bajri 120 lbs. per rupee). During this interval rates were greatly lowered, and it is certain that the rates referred to by Captain Prescott were those then imposed under the very low prices prevalent. 'I need not discuss the matter of prices further, - especially as I.shall show that there is no reason for 'me to differ from the specific modifications in Mr. Fernandez' grouping and rating, which Mr. Atkins, aided by close stady and intimate local knowledge, has advised.

## 7. Besides prices Mr. Atkins has admitted as factors justifying enhance-

 ments:-(1) The withdrawal of temporary favours, or in other words, elimination of "caste bighoti." - I have nothing to add to the remark made in paragraph 5 of my report on Mehmadabad. The villages most concerned are Nos. 31-34 of Appendix Q, but a reference to paragraph 78 of Captain Prescott's report of 1865 shows that he originally grouped and rated these villages with their neighbours at Rs. $5-4$, intending not to allow a favour rate on account of the caste of the inhabitants. In the later compromise with Mr. Rogers these four villages were reduced to Rs. $4-8$ undoubtedly on account of a Koli population, the other villages in Captain Prescott's original group being raised to Rs. 5-8.
(2) Removal of temporary disadoantages.-This factor is always an important one in settlement, and is of special importance in the present case owing to the bridging of the Shedhi and to the construction of the NadiadKapadranj road.
(3) General characteristics.-Such general characteristics as are indicated by local names, such as Charotar, Daskosi, Bhal and Mália, can only be recognized in settlement when there is proof that the local distinction is based on physical facts which affect the value of lànd. In Mátar and Mehmadabad full weight has been given to the general characteristics of Charotar, Daskosi and Bhal tracts. In Nadiad a 4th class of tract comes under consideration. The characteristics of Mál or Mália villages are a large extent of waste land which recent enquiry enables me to say is partly due to want of natural drainage and partly to salt efflorescence There seems reason also to think that at the original survey sufficient allowance was not made for such disadvantages and as in Mátar, similar characteristics have been made an important factor in grouping, it is reasonable to follow suit in Nadiad.
8. Mr. Atkins' definitè proposals are enumerated in his 25th paragraph. He proposes no modification for Mr. Fernandez' Group I as regards dry crop. In this I concur. In Captain Prescott's original rating the maximum was fixed at Rs. 6. It was raised in the compromise with Mr. Rogers to Rs. 6-4, and I think that the further rise now proposed by Mr. Fernandez, though it gives a low percentage increase, is all that can reasonably be demanded.

Mr. Atkins would divide Mr. Fernandez' 2nd group into two groups, the new group being rated at Rs. 5-4. This group includes 7 villages for which Mr. Fernandez proposes a special maximum of Rs. $5-4$ instead of Rs. $5-12$, the rate of this group. Of these 7 villages Mr. Atkins would retain 2, Nos. 32 Salun Vanto and 33 Phatepur, at Rs. 5 -12, remitting the difference between the assessment at Rs. $5-12$ and at 5-4 for the first 15 years of the lease. This exceptional treatment is forced by the compromise of 1866, to which reference has been already made. Mr. Atkins would place the 5 other villages into the new group at Rs. $5-4$, which is Mr. Fernandez' rate, but as the history of two, viz. Nos. 31 Marida and 34 Kamla, is precisely similar to that of Nos. 32 and 33, I think that ail four should be treated alike. The three remaining villages (see margin) for which Mr. Fernandez proposes the No. 35 Dantali. Rs. 5-4 rate are old Mátar villages whose neighbours Rs. $5-4$ is an adequate enhancement, and with Mr. Atkins that a new group should be formed of these three villages together with Nos. 24 Davda, 25 Bamnoli and 26 Hathnoli. Only No. 8 Bilodra remains. This village is well situated, but it lies between Nos. 31 and 34, Marida and Kamla, and should receive like treatment. I accept Mr. Atkins' modificationsthen in Mr. Fernandez' second group, except that the exceptional treatment proposed for Salun Varto and Phatepur should be accorded also to Kamla, Bilodra and Marida.
M. Atkins advises the reduction of the maximum rate of Mr. Fernandez' 3 rd group which will now become Group IV, from Rs. 5 to Rs. 4-8. Of these villages two, Nos. 38 and 39, were originally rated above Rs. 4-8. But this is
not a reasonable objection to Mr. Atkins' proposals, for No. 39 Arera was raised by the compromise of 1866 above the rating of its neighbours, and the other Alajda (38) was not included in the original proposals, and lies completely surrounded by two branches of the river Shedhi. I agree that Mr. Atkins' proposed lowering of the maximum rate of this group is just. The villages are almost entirely old Mahuda villages, and in the Mehmadabad orders, the enhancement for Mahuda was ordered to be fixed at a figure not far in excess of 20 per cent. One village, No. 65 Sodhpur, is proposed by Mr. Atkins for transfer to the next lowest group for reasons stated which appear fully sufficient.

The Collector recommends the transfer of 8 villages of Mr. Fernaudez' 4th group to a new group to be rated at Rs. 3-8. These are Mál villages and the transfer is on that account desirable as also on account of the necessity of reducing the total enhancement on the Mahuda villages below the figure proposed by Mr. Fernandez.

Lastly Mr. Atkins would alter the rate proposed for the two villages of Mr, Fernandez' lowest group from Rs. 3 to 2-12. This is essential inasmuch as the limitation rules require that the enhancement on that group should be reduced.
9. Rice water maximum.-Though Mr. Fernandez deprecates any hard and fast rule with respect to water maximum rate, claiming that the Settlement Officer should not be hampered in his discretion, there is nothing either in his arguments or in the action he has taken in Nadiád which at all tends to show any reason for non-observance of the general principles which I proposed in my remarks on the Mehmadabad settlement. These principles in fact have been followed in the rates proposed, though I think that the water rates are too high in proportion to the soil rates, I did not fall into the mistake of supposing that in Gujarát the water rates are fixed on 8 annas in classification. That is the maximum for rain water, though I find that in the Surat District the Akasia annas go as high as 10 annas. I have recently revised the rules and have clecided to limit the Akasia class to 8 annas.

Mr. Atkins has not discussed the question, but looks on the water rates proposed for the first two groups as too high.

The characteristics of the Nadiád táluka are excellent dry crop under an usually certain and sufficient rainfall. There is much well irrigation, but as a rice tract the táluka does not stand high in comparison with Daskroi or Mátar and Mehmadabad. In the charotar villages of Mátar the soil and water rates were respectively Rs. 5 and 3. In Mehmadabad the water-rate approached somewhat more nearly to the soil rate, especially in the rice tracts west of the Meswo. The area of rice, old and new, is 22 per cent. on total area in Nadiád -varying from 16 per cent. in old Nadiad to 24 per cent. in Mahudha. The Mahudha villages are thus more favoured as regards rice. In the Bhál villages of Mátar 33 per cent. of the area is rice. For the newly proposed groups then, on consideration of rainfall and climate, the proportionate rates for soil and water should, I think, be as follows :-

| Group. | Captain Prescott'a <br> Water-rates. | Do proposed by <br> Mr. Fernandea. | Do now advised. | Soil rate now <br> advised. |  |  |  |
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The very low rating for water in Group III is explained by the irregular manner in which the rice water maximum was affixed in the old Mátar Taluka, from which 3 villages were taken for present Nadiád. The rates for Groups IV to VII are based on similar rates in present Mehmadabad.
10. The comment in the report appears somewhat insufficient on the subject of the subsoil water charge, when so much and perhaps too much attention is centred on this factor in the revision classification. I may supplement
the comments with a few remarks. A smaller area has been found liable to the subsoil water advantage in Nadiád than in Mehmadabad, the percentage on the total area being respectively 82 and 93 per cent. and the valuation of the charge in Nadiád shows a percentage of 9 as against 14 in Mehmadabad. The valuation was halved in that táluka for reasons which do not apply to Nadiád. In Nadiad, the amount of direct well assessment (bágaít kasar) which has been struck off is large, viz., Rs. 12,871, but that is the kasar of dry-crop land only, inasmuch as the kasar on rice cannot be ascertained owing to the loss of the records in the fire of 1887.

I have no reason to advise any modification in the proposals under this head. The subsoil water assessment is specially advantageous to the "mal" tracts, which escape. A great incentive to the extension of well irrigation must follow the freedom now accorded to the construction of wells, the whole profit of which goes to the cultivator.
11. I append a revised Appendix $Q$ in a form which has recently been prescribed, showing the effect of the modifications in grouping and rating which will result from the changes which I have found it necessary to advise in Mr. Fernandez' original proposals. Most of these changes are suggested by the Collector. With respect to the 5 villages, rated now by Mr. Fernandez in his Group I at Rs. 5-4-0, which are recommended for special treatment for the first 15 years of the new lease, the rates have been made out at the full maximum, but the estimated remission is shown in a foot-note.
12. The question of Malia villages will be more important when Thásra and Kapadvanj are reported on. Mr. Fernandez' present opinion is that the original classification was defective. The treatment accorded to these villages in Nadiád, I think, fully meets the requirements of Nadiad. From paragraph 8 of Captain Prescott's Mahudha Settlement Report of 1863, which is printed in Appendix R to Mr. Fernandez' report, it will be seen that the classing officers considered that the lower assessment placed by them on mál land would be sufficient to induce capitalists to take it up and drain it. I am informed that capitalists from the Charotar have made attempts to cultivate mál land but without much success. Under my instructions, Mr. Mehta M. R. A. C., now in the Gujarat Survey, has made a short report on this land from an agriculturist's point of view. I have issued instructions to Mr. Mollison to make a similar report, and I trust that by the time the reports on tálukas, in which mál land is important, are submitted, definite recommendations will be possible.

I do not think that Mr. Atkins has correctly defined the boundaries of the Charotar. The Charotar extends west of Nadiád into Mátar, for in Mátar most certainly there are villages with all the characteristics of the Charotar.
13. The recommendation made as regards trees in occupied land in Mr. Fernandez' 77th paragraph will, no doubt, receive the sanction of Government.
14. Mr. Fernandez makes no special recommendation regarding the concessions to be given in cases of individual enhancements above 25 per cent., but I have instructed him that the concessions sanctioned on the Igatpuri precedent must be considered to apply, even though no specific orders are given on the subject.
15. Sardár R. B, Becherdas has contributed an interesting sketch of recent efforts made to cure tobacco for the European market. The results of these experiments have been from time to time fully reported to Government, and though at present they have ceased, I believe that there is sufficient enterprise in the Charotar to recommence them in the light of past experience when market inducements are sufficient. One fact has recently induced hope. It has been found that cigars, which, when freshly made, had a rank and objectionable flavour, have after several years' keeping lost this rankness, and are good enough to command a remunerative price.

## I have, \&c., <br> E. C. OZANNE,

Survey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agriculture.
Through the Commissioner, N. D. - 219,- 33

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| 84 | Kauej ．．．．．． | IX | 38 | S． 38 | ¢ $\cdots$ | 220 | 625 | 2116 | 2 | 9 | 480 | 10 | 27 | 2112 | 4 | 242 | 865 | 9120 |
| 85 | Mirjapur ．．．$\quad$. | IX | 38 | W． | －．．． | 223 | 884 | 2911 | 2 | 7 | 380 | $\ldots$ | ．$*$ | ＊． | $\cdots$ | 225 | 501 | 2100 |
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| 21. | Ghoghavada $\quad \cdots$ | XI | 212 | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}\text { S．} & 212 \\ \text { W．} & 112\end{array}\right\}$ | \} $\cdot \cdots$ | 1，751 | 3，004 | 1120 | 10 | 52 | 211.9 | 26 | 48 | 1186 | 48 | 1，780 | 8，213 | 1127 |
| 92 | Vasna ．．．．．． | XII | 28 | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}S_{4} & 2 & 8 \\ W, & 1 & 8\end{array}\right.$ | \} $\cdot$. | 771 | 1，311 | 1111 | 93 | 278 | 21510 | 44 | 88 | 200 | 95 | 908 | 1，772 | 1188 |
|  | Total | －＊ | ＂＊ | ＂10， | $\ldots$ | 2，522 | 4，375 | 1118 | 112 | 330 | 2152 | 70 | 136 | 1161 | 144 | 2，704 | 4，985 | 1186 |
|  | Grand Total | ．．． | $\cdots$ | ＊＊＊ | ．．． | 39，112 | 1，31，496 | $3 \quad 510$ | 6，815 | 35，884 | 530 | 4，435 | 18，146 | $4 \begin{array}{llll}4 & 5 & 1\end{array}$ | 12，871 | 60，462 | 1，89，397 | 8138 |

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|  |  | －$\quad$. | 239 | 759 | 3210 | $\begin{cases}\text { O．R．} & 2 \\ \text { N．R，} & 1\end{cases}$ | ${ }_{1}^{11}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}5 & 8 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 \\ & \\ & \end{array}$ | $\mid\} \cdots$ | ＂＊ | ． | 242 | 773 | 331 | ＋16．2 | Kanej ．．．．－． | 84 |
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| 38 | 3． 38 | $\cdots$ | 522 | 1，807 | 875 | （ $\begin{aligned} & \text { OR．R．} \\ & \text { N．} \\ & \text { R．}\end{aligned}$ | 35 16 | $\begin{array}{lll}5 & 0 & 0 \\ 40 & 0\end{array}$ | \} ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 633 | 1，858 | 379 | ＋26＂7 | Balol $\quad . .4$ | 86 |
|  |  | $\cdots$ | 408 | 1，330 | 345 | $\left\|\begin{array}{lll} 0 & \text { R. } & 34 \\ \text { N. } & \text { R. } & 89 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{aligned} & 155 \\ & 368 \end{aligned}$ | 49 4 4 | $\} \ldots$ | ．．． | － | 529 | 1，854 | 381 | ＋326 | Ruppura．．．．． | 87 |
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|  | ．．＂ | ．．． | 3，792 | 11，404 | 301 | $\begin{cases} \begin{cases}\mathrm{O} . \mathrm{R}, & 630 \\ \mathrm{~N}, \mathrm{R}, & 403\end{cases} \\ \hline\end{cases}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{2 , 7 7 5} \\ & 1,448 \end{aligned}$ | 4 6  <br> 3 9 6 | ， | ．．． | $\because$ | 4，825 | 15，627 | 339 | ＋19．1 |  |  |
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| ） |  |  | 623 | 1，525 | 272 | $\left\{\begin{array}{lr}\text { O．R．} & 89 \\ \text { N．} & \text { R．} \\ \hline\end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{aligned} & 368 \\ & 571 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}4 & 1 & 8 \\ 8 & 0 & 1\end{array}$ |  | $\cdots$ | ．＂ | 902 | 2，462 | 2118 | $+38 \cdot 9$ | Vasua ．．． | 92 |
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owing to destruction of records，cannot be made between garden and rice land．

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

Showing Area of Villages for settlement, with details.


## APPENDIX Q $^{\text {an }}$-continued.



# Reventer Department. <br> Ahmedabad, 15th October 1894. 

## Submitted to Government.

2. As the Survey Commissioner is so entirely in accord with the Collector, the Commissioner need offer but few remarks.
3. The only modification that Mr. Ozanne has suggested in Mr. Atkins' proposals is that the villages of Bilodra, Marida and Kamla which Mr. Atkins had propesed for inclusion in the new third group should be left in the 2nd group, and should be treated in the same way as Salun Wánto and Fatehpur Nadiád which are in the same group and which are to have a remission made to them for the first 15 years of the lease of the difference between the assessments calculated at the maximum rates of Rs. 5-12-0 and Rs. 5-4-0, which are the rates of the 2nd and 3 rd groups respectively.
4. Whē̄ Mr. Atkins made his $\bar{p}$ rooposal regarding the villages of Salun Wánto and Fatehpur Nadiád the percentage increases for those villages were $51 \frac{1}{2}$ and 48 respectively, as shown in the Appendix $Q$ attached to the report of Mr. Fernandez, In the revised Appendix Q, which has been prepared under Mr. Ozanne's proposals, it will be seen that the percentage increases for these villages are no less than 59.25 and $61 \cdot 75$ respectively. Now if Mr. Atkins had seen that the increase would be so large, it may be that he would have recommended the inclusion of these villages in the lower group instead of merely remitting the difference of assessment for 15 years. The percentage increase is considerably larger than in the villages of Marida and Kamla which Mr. Atkins had no hesitation in including in the lower group, the increase in Marida being only $43 \cdot 25$ and in Kamla 48.25. The village of Bilodra is a somewhat embarrassing factor, as the percentage increase is only $16 \cdot 25$, but Mr. Atkins describes it as "a miserable Dharala village on the Shedhi banks, constantly being damaged by floods."
5. Under these circumstances it

6. Bilodra.

## becomes a question whether it would not

 be more advisable to transfer all these five villages from the 2nd to 3rd group.6. 
7. The water rates proposed by Mr. Ozanne may be accepted. They have been reduced to the figure recommended by Mr. Atkins, who said that he "should have thought that a maximum water rate of about Rs. 4 would suffice for each of these two groüps" (i.e. the 1st and 2nd). Mr. Ozanne has made the rate for the 1st group -Rs. 4-8-0.
8. With reference to Mr. Ozanne's 11th paragraph in submitting the revised Appendix $Q$ Mr. Fernandez has not shown in a footnote the estimated remission in the five villages which are to receive special treatment. He has contented himself by saying that the estimated amount can be found by a reference to the original and revised Appendix $Q$, in the case of each village except Bilodra for which the datum at Rs. $5-4-0$ is Rs. 2,304. It would have been better if he had given the figures which appear to be as follows:-

9. The village of Bhaner is the only one in which the limit of 66 percentage increase has been passed. It seems almost advisable that this village should be placed in a lower group, but the Commissioner hardly likes to press
the point, looking to the remarks made by Mr. Atkins in the last sentences of his report with regard to the petition of objection to the new rates received from this village. The village is also alluded to in the 76 th paragraph of $\mathbf{M r}$. Fernandes' report.
10. The Commissioner agrees with the recommendation in the 77th paragraph of Mr. Fernandes' report that the right to all trees except teak, sandalwood and blackwood, should be conceded to occupants throughout the táluka.
11. The Igatpuri concessions should be applied.
12. Lastly the Commissioner trusts that Government will recognize the care, knowledge and ability with which Mr. Atkins has criticised the revision. No greater compliment could have been paid him than that the Survey Commissioner has accepted his proposals almost in their entirety, the only modifications being on minor points of detail.
J. K. SPENCE,

Commissioner, N. D.
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J. K. SPENCE, Commissioner, N. D.

Revenue Survey and Assessment: Introduction of a revision settlement into the
Nadiad Táluka of the Kairo. District Nadiad Taluka of the Kaira. District.

No. 2373.
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Bombay Castle, 23rd March 1895.
Memorandum from the Commisioner, N. D., No. 3726, dated 15th October 1894—Sub-

Letter from the Deputy Superintendert, Gajarat
Revenue Survey, No. 400, dated 17theApril 1894,
Letter from the Collector of Kaira, No, 3263, dated
17th August 1894.
Letter from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, No. S.-2093, dated 31st Angust 1894
mitting, with his remarks, the papers noted in the margin, containing proposals for the introduction of a revision settlement into the Nadiád Taluka of the Kaira District.
$\therefore$ Resolution. - These papers contain proposals for the revision settlement of the Nadiád-Táluka of Kaira. The táluka was formed in 1867 of 38 villages of the original Nadiád Táluka, of 51 villages transterred from Mahudha and of 3 from Mătar. The original settlement of Nadiád was finally sanctioned in 1868, but the 30 years' period of guarautee was made to rum from 1862-63, the year in which the introduction of the original settlement into Mátar and Mahudha was effected; so that the period of gunarantee, as originally fixed, has expired in every case. Classification operations have been carried out on the partial system, the old work having been, as far as possible, accepted as correct, and a fresh examination in the field only made where it was necessary for the purpose of bringing the record up to date. The most marked feature of the survey is the increase of 55.2 per cent, in the area of rice land.
2. The progress of the talluka during the currency of the present settle ment has. been satisfactory. With only 2,000 acres of waste land available for the extension of cultivation at the conmencement of the settlement a marked increase in the revenue was not to be expected; but the assessments imposed have been realized without difficulty, and outstandings and remissions have been practically unknown. In the matter of communications there has beer a marked improvement. When the original settlement was introduced there were no made roads in the táluka, and the railway went as far as Abmedabad only. The táluka now possesses two excellent made roads connecting' it with Kaira and Dholka on the one side and.Kapadvanj and Modása on the other, and the various railway extensions which have been carried out from time to time have placed it in direct conmmunication with Káthiáwár, Râjputána and Central India. Mr. Atkins is disposed to think that the estension of railways, though
beneficial to tobacco-growers has, $_{2}$ as far as cultivators of staple grains are concerned, not had much effect owing to the fact that the large local demand for food grains absorbs all the available supply. Some allowance, however, wust be made for the large export trade in fruit, rice, dairy and other agricultural produce, which the railway facilities have called into existence and from which the cultivating classes cannot fail to derive considerable advantage. Statistics for the comparison of the condition of the taluka at the present time with its condition at the date of its first settlement are not available. From an examination, however, of the tables prepared for the Gazetteer in 1876 it appears that white the number of agricultural cattle; sheep and goats has declined, that of ploughs, milch cattle, and wells has increased to a considerable extent. The rise in the number of wells, coupled with an increase of over 100 per cent. in the area under tobacco, is satisfactory as showing the impetus which the increased demand consequent on the extension of the railways has given to the cultivation of this most profitable crop. Population, for which the figures taken are those of 1872, has not increased much-a circumstance which, having regard to the restrictive marriage custons of the Pátidars and to the fact that the táluka has already. 755 souls to the square mile to support, is hardly a matter for surprise. The value of land in the táluka is evidently, very high, and the figures given in the Deputy Superintendent's report compare very favourably with tloose for the tálukás of Mehmadabad and Mátar. which have recently been settled.
3. The Deputy Superintendent proposes to divide the villages of the tảluka into five groups, graduated according to fertility of soil, prosimity: to the railway and general accessibility of situation. The first two of these comprise the 34; villages of the original Nadiád Taluka-together with the three transferred from Mátar and are rated at.Rs. 6-12-0 in the first, and Rs. 5-12-0 and Rs. 5.4-0 in the second group, respectively. The remaining three groups cousist of 4 Nadiád and 51 Mahudha villages with maximun rates of Rs. 5, Rs. 4 and Rs. 3 , respectively. The water rates proposed for the 5 groups are Rs. 5-4-0, Rs. 4-8-0, Rs. 3-8-0, Rs. 2-8-0 and Rs. 1-12-0. The general effect of these proposals is to increase the assessment on the first two or Nadiad groups by $14 \frac{1}{2}$ per ceit., on the remaining three or Maliudha groups by 33 per cent., and on the whole taluka by $24 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The Collector takes exception to them on two grounds, firstly, that the increase caused by the adoption of the rates is larger than the present state of prices can be held to justify, and, secondly, that the grouping does not make sufficient allowance for the great difference in the comparative fertility of the malia and charotar villages. In support of his first objection he points out that the Deputy Superintendent's assumption that the prices of bajri and rice have risen by 34 and 33 per cent., respectively, is incorrect. He argues that to make an accurate comparison the Mahudha and Nadiad villages should be separately considered, and shows that if a comparative examination of this nature be made, the rise of prices in Mähudha should not be taken higher than 15 to 20 per cent,; and that in Nadiád, than 10 to 15 per cent. He accordingly proposes the following changes in the Deputy Superinteudent's rates and grouping. He removes from the Deputy Superintendent's Group II the 9 villages noted in the mar-
Mâiłda, KamIà, Dantali, Járol, Degam, Bámnolí, Hátrinois, Bilodra and Davda gin and places them in a group by them. selves at Rs. 5-4-0, justifying this proposal by the fact that the first five of these villages, though nominally in Group II, hate been differentially rated at Rs. 5-4-0 so as" to equalize their assessment with that of the adjoining Mátar villages, which are rated at Rs. 5 ; that. Bámnoli, Hathnoli-and Dávda form part of the same cluster and should be similarly treated, and that Bilodra is a poor village in an uufavourable situation on the batks of the Shedhi and. will not bear such a heavy rate as Rs. 5-12-0. For the vilpges of Salun Vánto and Fatepur Nadiád, which the Deputy Superintendent has rated at Rs. $5-4-0$, he is disposed to recommend the retention of a Rs. 5-12-0 rate, with the remission of the difference between the assessment at this rate and at Rs. 5-4-0 for the first 15 years of the settlement. The Deputy Superintendent's third Group, which now becomes the fourth, Mr. Atkins proposes to jate at Rs. 4-8-0 iustead of Rs. 5, removing from it the village of Sodpar on the ground that from the nature of its soil it belongs more properly to the group below. For his fifth Group he takes the Deputy Superintendent's fourth
with a rate of Rs. 4, but removes from it the 8 villages of Sheri, Alina, Kayij, Mirjápur, Bálol, Ruppura, Ninavda and Faloli with a view to diminish the high increment which the adoption of the Deputy Superintendent's rate will entail, and plates them in a group by themselves at Rs. 3•8-0. In his seventh Group he plaçes the two renaining villages of Vásna and Ghoghavada, but reduces the Deputy Superintendent's rate of Rs. 3 to Rs. 2-12-0. As regards water rates, Mr. Atkins considers those proposed by the Depyty Superintendent excessive, but beyoind suggesting that the scale should start, with a maximum of Rs. 4 instead of Rs. 5-4-0 does not make any detailed proposals.
4. The Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, though he considers that Mr. Atkins has attached undue importance to the question of prices, accepts the dry-crop rates and grouping which he proposes with this modification that, instead of placing the villages of Marida, Bilodra aud Kamla in Group III, he recommends fheir retention in Group II on the same conditions as those proposed by Mr. Atkins for Salun'Vánto and Fatepur Nadiád. The position of the villages in question, as slown in the map, sufficiently establishes the propriety of this mudification. For the rice water rates Mr. Ozanne proposes to substitute a scale ranging from Rs. 4-8-0 for Group I to Rs. 1-12-0 for Group VII, for that recommended by the Superintendent. - The net result of his proposals, as worked out in the appendix, is an enhancement of 18.2 per cent, which, considering the circumstances of the táluka, caunot * be held excessive. The petitions of objection have been fully.reytewed by the Collector of Kaira, and effect has been given to them in several cases where the ratcs appeáred unduly high. His Excellency the Governor in Council is therefore pleased to direct that the proposed rates should be sanctioned and guaranteed for 30 years.
5. Subject to the necessary restriction regarding sandal wood trees, the recommendations as regards trees are approved. The Commissioner should berequested to inquire into, and report on, the fact mentioned in paragraph 77 of the Deputy Superintendent's Report.

## G. S. CURTIS,

Under Secretary. to Government.
To
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The Collector of Kaira! (with the petitions of objection),
The Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture,

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From

T. R. FERNANDEZ, Esquire,<br>Deputy Superintendent, Gujarát Revenue survey ;

To
The COLLECTOR of KAIRA.

> Camp Damka, Táluka Olpdid, • 6th December 1894.

Sir,
I have the honour to submit, for the consideration of Government, my proposals for the revision settlement of táluka A'nand of your district.
2. The taluka had no existence at the time of the original settlement, but was formed in 1867, the year in which the whole of your tálukás were re-cast. It eonsists of in all 74 villages, to 66 of which my proposals apply. Before their transfer, 36 of these 66 villages had belonged to Nadiad; 19 to Borsad; 5 to the late Mahudha Táluka, and 6 to Thásra. Of the balance, 7 , although Government, are held under "Udhad," or permanent settlement tenure, and one is Inámi.
3. Although the 4 iálukás which contributed to the formation of Anand were not all settled in the same year, the earliest in 1862-63 and the latest in 1866-67, in accordance with Government orders, their several survey leases expired simultaneously in 1891-92. All four settlements were made by the late Colonel (then Captain) C. J. Prescott.
4. The original measurement of the táluka was ordered to be accepted as correct ; the revision was, therefore, confined to partial measurements to bring the records up to date.
5. The original classification was also dealt with on the same plan, though the classification of one village (Navli) was entirely done anew, owing to its distance scale having been lost.
6. The subjoined statement shows the increase in the number of fields caused by revision survey, as also the percentage difference in area between the original and the new survey numbers:-


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7. In the following statement the areas of the original and revision surveys are compared:-

|  |  |  | Total | Unarable waste. | Remaning arable. |
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| By Original Survey By Revision Survey | $\cdots$ | ... | $\begin{aligned} & 143,747 \\ & 143,595 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16,642 \\ & 16,744 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 127,105 \\ & 126,851 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Increase | . $\cdot$ | 102 | ... |
|  |  | Decrease | 152 | -•* | 254 |

8. The above information is given below in greater details:-

9. From the above it will be seen that, during the lease, 6,398 acres of Jiráyat were converted into rice beds, the Government portion being 3,208 acres. Under the old system the heading of garden included well, dhekudiat and bhátha lands. But now the special well and dhekudiat rates having been discarded, in the revision surver columns bhatha land alone appears, which explains the large discrepancy between the old and the new garden areas.
10. The táluka of A'nand is situated between the north latitudes of $22^{\circ} 26^{\prime}$ and $22^{\circ} 44^{\prime}$, and the east longitudes of $72^{\circ} 54^{\prime}$ and $73^{\circ} 15^{\prime}$. It is bounded on the north by tálukas Thásra and Nadiád; on the south by táluka Borsad and Baroda territory ; on the east by the Máhi river, on the opposite bank being Baroda territory; and on the west by táluka Nadiád and Baroda territory. Its area in square miles is 244 and population 167,397 . These data give the density per square mile at 686. The same data for the Government villages only are now respectively 150,828 and 673 . The population and density of the Government villages for 1872 according to the gazetteer were respectively 149,952 and 622.
11. The rate of increase shown above is about the same as that of Nadiad; and the cause of its smallness, it seems to me, is exactly similar to that described by me in paragraphs 11 and 12 of my Nadiád report. You have expressed an opinion (vide paragraph 28 of your letter No. 3263, dated 17th August last) that my enthusiasm has led me to over-colour the picture of the social evils under which I sajd the Kanbis suffered. To show that this is not the case I give the following data from my note-book. I may say that they were obtained first hand during my inspection of the villages, and noted down on the spot.

Taluka A'nand.
Vehera,-Out of 80 Kanbi houses the owners of only 25 are married, the rest being bachelors.

Adds.-Only one-third of the Kanbi $\cdot$ men are married. I saw several men over 40 and 50 who acknowledged themselves as being unmarried.

Táluka Nadiád.
Alindra.-One-third of the Kanbi men not married.
Moholel.-Half of the Kanbi men not married. The Kanbi houses number 200.

Mangroli.-About 40 Kanbi houses. Half the marriageable men are bachelors.
The above cases are typicál of every Kanbi village in Kaira. It will, therefore; be seen that ths social picture depicted by me in my- Nadiad report has the merit of being truthful and not over-coloured as suggested by you. I may point to a proof of a totally different character to support my case, and that is the notoriety which'Kaira has earned for heinous crimes in which women are concerned. A proof of a more positive kind is that, while in 1872 the Kanbis numbered 39,070, the special census taken last year returns their uumber at 35,817 , which is a decrease in 21 years of 3,253 persons, or 8 per cent. It will be evident from the foregoing that, considering that the Kanbis are the backbone of our agricultural population, the subject I have brought to notice in this report and in that of Nadiád not only deserves, but demands in the interest of public good, the best and most earnest attention our Reveuue Officers can give.
12. The soil of the táluka is gorát in the higher lying levels and besar in the depressions, which are chiefly occupied by rice. The soil of the major portion of the táluka is of very superior quality and equal to any that can be seen in Nadiád. The rice depressions are specially well off, for their rain-supply is copiously supplemented by drainage from the higher lands outside and inside the táluka. Every indigenous kind of tree thrives wounderfully well in A'nand, and gives it a park-like appearance.
13. I give below an abstract from a statement to be found in the appendix showing the rainfall for from 1886 to the current year :-

| 1886 | ... | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | $28 \cdot 35$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1887 | ... |  | ... | ... | $40 \cdot 96$ |
| 1888 | ... | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | $22 \cdot 35$ |
| 1889 | ... | ... | ... | ... | $30 \cdot 84$ |
| 1890 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24.44 |
| 1891 | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | ... | 33.86 |
| 1892 | ... | ... | ... | ... | $50 \cdot 39$ |
| 1893 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | 50.61 |
| 1894 | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | ... | 55.76 |
|  |  |  |  | ... | 37.51 |

14. In the first years the rainfall was very irregular and generally below the average. But the taluka does not seem to have suffered, for owing to the absence of natural drainage courses like streams and rivers, tracts similar to A'nand do not entirely depend on the direct fall of rain. The last three years are noted for their heavy rainfall.
15. The extent to which the various kinds of crops are grown is shown in Appendix B. In the subjoined table I give, in a summary form, the proportion which the area covered by each kind of crop bears to the whole of the culti* vated area:-


16.     * Among the grains locally produced bajri occupies the largest area; - F and next to it come the coarse grains like bavta and kodra. Rice holds not an unimportant position. Rice and bájri are mostly exported, while the coarse grains are locally consumed. The jowári grown is of the sundhia variety, and is raised chiefly, if not entirely, for fodder. It is thickly sown to produce thin stalks; the ears are consequently very small, and bear but little grain when allowed to ripen. . The fodder is exceedingly nourishing to both horses and cattle. The pulses, which cover 12 per cent. of the cultivated area, are grown with bajri and kodra. They are mixed with the latter in small proportions. As a rule, tal and tur are mixed with kodra and math, and gavár with bájri. Cotton, which is of the perennial kind, is also grown with these crops, but in every tenth row, so as not to interfere with the grain stalks. Owing to the peculiarities of the surface level of this táluka, the Vagedu system of cropping is much in vogue. Vagedu means literally "mixed." For this system the level of the land is required to be of an undeffined nature, i.e., it should be more or less liable to be submerged at intervals. TH crops grown on such land, which is not embanked
at all, are invariably rice, kodra and tur. In years of heavy rainfall rice does best, and kodra and tur only yield medium results; in moderate years, kodra and tur are best and rice is medium; while in scanty years, rice fails more or less, kodra is medium, and tur good. It will be seen how ingenious the Vagedu system is in making the most of lands of an uncertain character. It is such lands, no doubt, which can be, and are, conveniently turned into rice beds at therwill of the cultivator. Of the other crops I need only mention tobacco, the cultivation of which is likely to receive an impetus, now that the Godhra branch of the B. B. \& C. I. Railway has been opened to Rutlam on the AjmereKhandwa line. Evidently tobacco-growing is not known in Rajputána or Central India, or is carried on on a small scale, for Kaira grown tobacco has from time immemorial, in spite of all difficulties, found its way into the markets of those countries. In 1877, or three years after the opening of the branch line .to Godhra, the area under tobacco was 1,011 acres; in 1893 it was 1742 acres; and in the current year 2,202 acres.
17. In respect of manurial resources, the taluka is not unlike Nadiád, to the report on which I would refer you for details.
-18. There are three important markets in the táluka, viz., A'nand, Umreth and Vásad. Umreth is one of the richest towns of See paragraph 24 of the and Kaira; and it was an important trade centre even Nadiad Report. before the opening of the railways. A'nand and Vásad, on the contrary, are mainly the creation of the railway system. From A'nand branch out the lines to Petlád (the ultimate terminus being Cambay) and to Rutlam, vid́ Godhra; but most of its trade will of course be through. Vásad is now a place that can boast of its own merchants, who buy produce and export it all along the line as far as Rájputána. Nearly the whole of the Borsad produce is exported from this place. The following statement of goods traffic forwarded from these markets has been kindly furnished by the Chief Auditor and Accountant of the B. B. \& C. I. Railway Company :-

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|  |  |  | To man line including Godhra Branch. |  | To Petlad Branch. |  | Tons. | Freight charges. | Tons. | Freight charges. |
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|  |  |  | Tons. | Rs. | Tons. | Rs. | - Tons. | Rs. | Tons. | Es. |
| 30th June 1894 | $\cdots$ | -• | 3,994 | 28,222 | 69 | 150 | 6,975 | 37,522 | 6,295 | 47,728 |
| 31st December 1893 | - | ... | 1,700 | 11,521 | 58 | 109 | 1,912 | 8,085 | 3,528 | 26,837 |
| 30th June 1893 .... | - | - | 4,029 | 31,194 | 15 | 30 | 7,871 | 50,030 | 5,177 | 41,788 |
| 31st December 1892 | ... | .. | ** | ... | ... | ... | 1,843 | 9,130 | 2,933 | 16,552 |
| 30th June 1892 ... | ... | ... | :.. | ... | ... | ... | 8,532 | 52,029 | 10,644 | 83,542 |
| 31st December 1891 | $\ldots$ | ... | ... |  |  | ... | 4,006 | 24,862 | 6,087 | 42,118 |
| 30th June 1891 180. | ..- | . | $\ldots$. | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 6,853 | 42,632 | 6,101 | 46,959 |
| 31st December 1890 | ... | ... | ... |  | ... | ... | 2,075 | 11,780 | 2,779 | \%21,203 |
| 30th June 1890 . $\ldots$ | ... | ... | ** | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | 8,101 | 62,634 | 5,386 | 40,142 |
| 31st December 1889 | ... | -* | $\cdots$ | *- | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 2,802 | 12,929 | 2,846 | 21,222 |

19. With regard to roads and other means of communication; as is well known, the main line of railway was opened in 1862-63, when its terminus was Ahmedabad. Since then it has become connected with all the main.railway ${ }^{3}$ system of Káthiávád and of Northern and Central India, the latest connection, that of Godhra-Rutlam, having been opened only last month. The Petlad branch, beginning at A'nand, has already been alluded to. PPrior to 1862-63 no made roads existed in the táluka. Even -now there are only a few mileg of it, and these form a part of the road leading from Vásad to Borsad. $\sqrt{\text { A road, most }}$ probably to Cambay, was attempted from "Anand, but it was only built up to the boundary of the village of A'nand, and then abandoned. $\checkmark$ Judging from the compact shape of the taluka, and the manner in which the several railway lines intersect it, I do not think any further macadamised roads are wanted. $ل$
20. From Appendix $D$ it will be seen that $70 \cdot 10$ per cent., of the population are agricultural. Of this number $62 \cdot 48$ per cent. have interest in land, while $7 \cdot 62$ are servants and labourers.
21. I give below a statement comparing some of the statistics relative to population, \&c., of 1872 with those of 1892-93. The figures of the former period have been extracted from the Gazettcer:-

|  |  |  | 1872. | 1892-93. | Increase. | Decrease. | Percentage. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population | -.. | $\cdots$ | 149,952 | 150,828 | 876 | ... | + $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Wells ... | ... | ... | 1,325 | 1,676 | 351 |  | $+26 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Agricultural cattle | -.. | $\cdots$ | 20,696 | 16,573 | ... | 4,123 | -193 |
| Cows, buffaloes joung... | $\begin{aligned} & \text { and } \\ & \ldots \end{aligned}$ | their | 44,139 | 50,954 | 6,815 |  | $+15 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Horses ard ponies | ... | . | 282 | 216 | ... | 66 | $-23 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Sheep and goats | ... | $\cdots$ | 7,205 | 4,925 |  | 2,280 | $-31 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Ploughs... | ... | $\ldots$ | 8,851 | 10,065 | 1,214 |  | +133 |
| Carts ... | ** | $\cdots$ | 5,982 | 5,795 | ... | 187 | -3 |

22. The population of A'nand in 21 years has only increased by 876 or $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. This táluka is quite as fertile as Nadiád and therefore quite able to support as large a population as the latter. Moreover, examining the life and death statistics of the two talukas, the general health of Anand is much better than that of Nadiad. The insignificant increase noted above therefore might be attributed to two causes, viz. (1) emigration and (2) the difficulties caste customs, as explained in my Nadiád Report, place in the way of Kanbis marrying. Emigration in my opinion must be confined to the Dhárálás who have nothing to lose by a change of home, whereas to the Kanbi it means a lowering of social position, which involves the impossibility of his children getting mated. That the difficulties in the way of the Kanbis marrying are both real and great I have, I trust, already convincingly shown. Appendix E supplies the caste and creed of the population. They are classed as follows:-

| Pátidars and Kanbis | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | 35,817 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dhárálás (Kolis) | ... | ... | ... | 45,701 |
| Other Hindus ... | ... | ... | ... | 57,087 |
| Musalmáns ... | ... | ... | ... | 11,761 |
| Christians | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 450 |
| Pársis ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| - |  |  | $\cdots$ | 150,828 |

In 1872 the Kanbis were 39,070 and the Dáháráls 41,150 . . So tbat it will be seen that while the Kanbis have decreased 8 per cent., the Dhárálás have increased 11 per cent.
23. Wells for all purposes have increased in the same period by 351, or $26 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The increase for purely agricultural purposes is 119 wells, or 12 per cent.
24. Agricultural cattle have decreased by 4,123, or 193. per cent. This "seems extraordinary in the light that ploughs have increased by 1,214 or $13 \frac{3}{4}$. This same curious fact was pointed out in my Nadiád Report, and one of the causes of it was shown to be a tendency towards economy on the part of holders of less than 5 acres of land, who each keep only one bullock and agree to help one another at ploughing time.. No doubt the same cause has been at work in A'nand.
25. While agricultural cattle have decreased, milch animals show a large increase. This is doubtless owing to the facilities afforded by the railways for the transport of dairy produce. A'nand milch buffaloes are bought, up for Bombay.
26. Horses and ponies have decreased $23 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The reasons for this must be the greater facilities afforded by the railways for travelling.
27. There is a large decrease ( $31 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.) in the number of sheep and goats. This is commonly observable in every taluka, the reason being everywhere the same, that is, the reduction in the pasture area.

- 28. The increase in the number of ploughs is $13 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent. Not only has cultivation increased since the last settlement, but the number of Khatedars also, a part of this latter increase, doubtless, is owing to the Hindu law of equal partition among the male descendants.

29. There is a small decrease of 3 per cent. noticeable in the number of carts.
30. From Appendix $G$ it appears that there are 983 looms in the taluka which, I am told, only turn out the coarse cloth called khádi. Of hand gins there are 573. To my knowledge a steam ginning factory was opened at Anand a year or two ago. As cotton is produced on a small scale, there does not seem to be any room for further extension in this direction.
31. Appendix $H$ furnishes information regarding the state of education. There are 30 Local Board boys and 4 girls.schools; 7 Municipal boys and 2 girls schools; and 9 private schools for boys and one for girls. The number of boys and girls attending these schools is respectively 3,865 and 367 .
32. From Appendix I it will be seen that, there are in the táluka 27,577 Government and 24,448 Inám survey numbers. Of these 39 and 42 per cent. respectively are cultivated by their holders; 3 and 1 per cent. by the owners in partnership with others; 5 and 3 per cent. by sub-tenants on money-rent; 3 and 1 per cent. by sub-tenants for payment in kind; 1 per cent. is assessed waste; and 2 per cent. unculturable waste.
33. The number of irrigation wells, as will be seen from Appendix J, increased between the years 1886-87 and 1891-92, a period of 5 years, by 119 or 12 per cent. In the first of the above two years there were no irrigation tanks, but in the latter year there were 20 pucka and 26 kacha tanks.
34. Appendix K gives 100 cases of ordinary sales of lands, Of these in three cases the sale-proceeds were 9.19 times the Government assessment ; in 74 cases, 26.33 times ; in 21 cases, $65 \cdot 99$ times; and in 2 cases, 103.09 times.
35. In Appendix $K^{(1)}$ will be found 12 cases of sales by order of the Civil Courts. Column 8 shows that in 4 cases the sale-money was 6.31 times the Government assessment ; in 7 cases, $23 \cdot 44$ times ; and in one case, $109 \cdot 53$ times.
36. Appendix L shows 96 cases of simple mortgages. The amount of the mortgage in 10 cases exceeded the Government assessment by 8.23 times ; in 40 cases, by $16 \cdot 56$ times; in 33 cases, by 37.35 times; in 12 cases, by 60.78 times; and in 1 case, by $111 \cdot 11$ times.
37. Appendix $\mathrm{L}^{(1)}$ gives 100 cases of mortgage with possession. In 2 cases the amount of the mortgage was the multiple of the Government assessment by $9 \cdot 43$ times; in 24 cases, $11 \cdot 69$ times ; in 56 cases, $35 \cdot 02$ times; and in 18 cases, $57 \cdot 49$ times.
38. Appendix M furnishes 100 cases of sublettings. The amount of the subletting money in 91 cases was 2.55 times the Government assessment; in 8 cases, $5 \cdot 39$; and in 1 case, $13 \cdot 33$ times.
$\sqrt{39 \text {. From Appendix } N \text { will be gleaned the prices of the staple products of }}$ the taluka, year by year, for a period of 32 years from 1862-63, the earliest date of the introduction of the survey rates into any one of the villages, to 1893-94. Also the prices for six years before the introduction of the rates. The average prices of the pre-survey years, and those of the three periods into which the survey lease has been divided, are shown below :-


The high averages of the 1st survey period are of course due to the great American War, which caused the prices to rise in 1863.64, that is, the year following the introduction of the survey rates. In the next period also there is a disturbance noticeable, and this is due to the extremely short rainfall of 1877, the year of the great famine in Southern India. The prices in the last period run very evenly, and point to a cycle of prosperity. Comparing the averages of this period with those of the pre-survey years, prices have risen as follows:-

|  |  |  | Per cent. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Bájri $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 41 |
| Rice in husk | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 30 |
| Kodra | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Bávto | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |
| Tobacco $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 17 |  |
| Tur $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 30 |

The opening of the line to Rutlám will, I think, cause the price of tobacco and rice to rise further.
40. The wages of an agricultural labourer at the original settlement were $1 \frac{1}{8}$ annas, with a meal consisting of one scone and $\frac{1}{4}$ ser of dál (pulse). The present rate is $2 \frac{1}{2}$ annas and one meal as above. The rise in money payment is therefore 66.6 .
41. From paragraph 2 above it will have been seen that, A'nand is made up of contributions from 4 different talukas. Its revenue history is therefore presented in 4 different parts, each part containing the villages contributed by one táluka. These parts, in the form of statements, vide Appendix O, consist of (1) the revenue history of 4 or 5 years immediately preceding the year of the survey settlement, and (2) the revenue history of the survey lease down to 1892-93. For the sake of comparison, the survey period is divided into three parts, and their averages of occupied area, revenue realizations, \&cc shown.
42. The comparative figures of the revenue history of the late Mahudha group of villages are as follows :-

|  |  | Government occupied <br> Area. | Assessment. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |

It will be seen that, the survey rates reduced the revenue very considerably. There does not seem any room for the extension of cultivation here, for the area of assessed waste, is at present, but 114 acres. There were no remissions granted after 1864-65. The remission figuring against the first year of the settlement was given in accordance with the rule which remits the increase caused by the new rates in the first year. This explanation applies equally to the villages of the other three tálukas and will not be repeated.
43. Subjoined are the comparative figures of the Thásra group :-

|  |  | Governmeht occupied Area | Assessment. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Acres. | Rs. |
| The 5 prexsurvey years ... | "' | ... 2,759 | 16,469 |
| The 1st survey decade ... | ** | ... 4,208 | 15,927 |
| The 2nd do. . ... | ... | .. 4,246 | 16,114 |
| The 3rd do. | ... | ... 4,273 | 16,164 |

The remarks made for the late Mahudha group also apply to this group,
44. The Borsad group data are as follows :-

|  |  | Government occupied <br> Area. | Assessment. |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| The 5 pre-survey years ... |  | $\ldots$ | Acres. |$\quad$ Rs.

In this group, also, there is no room left for an extension of cultivation, and there has been practically no remission granted.
45. The last group is the Nadiád one and its data are given below :-


In this group, likewise, there is little, or no, room for further extension of cultivation. As will be noticed, the amount of the remission granted is so small as not to be worthy of remark.
46. The subjoined table will show the extent of the difficulty experienced in the collection of the revenue during the three years ending 1892-93:-

| Years. |  | Number of <br> villages. | Number of <br> notices: | Number of <br> distraint cases. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $1890-91$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 22 | 185 | $\ldots$ |
| $1891-92$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 25 | 150 | $\cdots$ |
| $1892-93$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 17 | 106 |  |

Considering the large number of the Koli khátedárs, the above data show that, the revenue is collected with little trouble.
47. From the foregoing statistical account of the condition of A'nand for the last 30 years, the only conclusion that one can come to is that, the Taluka has prospered in every way, because it is blessed with most excellent soil, that the drainage from the north and north-east passes through it, making compensations for short rainfall whenever that occurs, that its land commands a high value, and that as regards railway communication its' advantages are unique. Prices too have, as has been shown in paragraph 39 above, risen considerably. All these, combined with the fact that, in 3 of the 4 instances the survey rates . lowered the revenue, and in the fourth, raised it but moderately it seems to me, are strong justifications for an increase of assessment for the new lease.
48. I will now make my proposals for the revision of its rates; and first and foremost I propose to group its villages thus :-
49. Although when the township of A'nand was settled, it was a village of Borsad, its importance was recognised, for it was placed in the highest group, with a maximum of Rs. 6. Along with it were classed Gámdi and Chikhodra. Looking at the map, these three villages certainly occupy the best position in the taluka, and for this reason I form them into my first group.
50. My second group I compose as follows:-

| 1. | Karamsad. | 12. | Adás. | 23. | Bhálaj. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. | Sandhesar.. | 13. | Vaghási. | 24. | Tárpurá. |
| 3. | Meghvá Gáná. | 14. | Vásad. | 25. | Badápará. |
| 4. | Gáná. | 15. | Bhojkuva. | 26. | Kásar. |
| 5. | Vánskhiliá. | 16. | Sarsá. | 27. | Ajarpurá. |
| 6. | Khandhli. | 17. | Bedvá. | 28. | Ráhátaláv. |
| 7. | Návli. | 18. | Rásnol. | 29. | Sámarkhá. |
| 8. | Ghitodia. | 19. | Khambholaj. | 30. | Boriávi. |
| 9. | Hádgud. | 20. | Kunjráo | 31. | Lámbhvel. |
| 10. | Vadod. | 21. | Khankuvá. | 32. | Dholi. |
| 11. | Nápád. | 22. | Sardarpura. | 33. | Tarnol. |

A reference to the map will show that this group embraces the greater part of the main railway line and its two branches; and cuntains the following stations :-A'nand, Vásad, Bhálaj and Návli, with the stations of Boriávi and Agás just outside its boundary.

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51. The following villages are comprised in my 3rd group.
52. Vansol.
53. Pansorá.
54. Meghvá-Badápurá.
55. Jhakhla.
56. Fatepurá.
57. Gangapurá.
58. Asipurá.
59. Lingdá.
60. Parvat.
61. Umreth
62. Ratanpur.
63. Hámidpur.
64. Bechri.
65. Navápurá.
66. Bhátpurá.
67. Od.
68. Dágjipurá..

Umreth, which is perhaps the largest market in Anand, is in this group. The railmay passes through a good many other villages beside it, and the outlying villages are all within 4 miles of one of the stations.
52. The last group consists of villages which lie on the flanks of Groups II and III. viz.:-

1. Sureli.
2.. Khákhanpur.
2. Dhuleta.
3. Sundalpur.
4. Bharodá.
5. Sili.
6. Khinpur.
7. Vehera.
8. Anklârdi.
9. Thámná Talpad.
10. Thámná Vánto.
11. Ghorá.
12. Ard.

Some of these, like Anklávdi and Vehera, appear from their position more fit to be placed in the second group, but they have the serious disadvantage of being: cut up by a series of great ravines 50 and 60 feet deep, which makes communication difficalt.
53. The present soil maximum rates of the villages, heterogeniously brought together to form the taluka, range from Ris. 6 to Rs: 3-8. The latter is a special low rate for the Mrhi villages, which were then included in táluka Nadiád, because of the cultivators being Kolis. (Vide paragraph 2 of Major Prescott's letter No. 424 of 1867, to be found in the Nadiad compilation).
54. I now beg to propose the following soil maximum rates for the 4 groups into which I have divided the taluka:-

|  |  |  |  | Rs. a. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group I | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | .6 |  |  |
| 8 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Do. II | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 5 |  |  |
| 12 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Do. III | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 5 |  |  |
| Do. IV | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4 |  |  |
| Do. |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Rs, 6-8 will' apply to villages whose present maximum rate is Rs. $6 ;$ Rs. $5-12$ to villages having rates from Rs. $4-8-0$ to Ris. $5-8$; Rs. 5-0, to villages having rates from Rs. 3-8 to Rs. 5-0 and Rs. 4-4 to villages having rates from. Rs. 3.8 to Rs, 4-8.
55. The current water maximum. rates are from Rs. 5, which occur in the Nadiád and Borsad villages, down to Rs. 2-8, which is found in the villages of Nadiad for which a special low soil rate was proposed and sanctioned.
56. The new water rates, by the group, I now propose are as under:-

|  |  |  |  | Rs. a. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group I | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 5 | 0 |
| Do. II | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4 | 8 |
| Do. III | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4 | 0 |
| Do. IV | $\ldots$ | $\because$ | $\ldots$ | 3. | 0 |

The above rates are based on 16 annas of classification, but as rain-water is not classed higher than 8 annas, the maximum for rain-water is, for the several groups, from Rs. $2-8$ to Rs. 1-8. These are well within the limits for which the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture has been contending; and I am confident they will prove just, for the old rates, with which they agree, have not prevented the conversion of 6,398 acres of Jirayat into new rice. You have taken exception at the end of paragraph 27 of your letter No. 3263 of 17 th August last, criticising my Nadiád Revision Report, to a
similar argument of mine used therein, because, as you said, you sea " no connection whatever between water rates and new rice, for new rice land is treated as dry-crop land and has no water rate assigned to it." But I would remind you that the principle for the treatment of new rice land alluded to by you is quite a new one, and that the greater part of the 6,398 acres quoted above was converted when, according to all former precedents, new rice land was always classed and assessed as rice. For instance, at the last survey settlement, which is now being revised, every acre of newly converted rice land, then up to date, was classed and assessed as rice. The argument in support of my proposed water rates in the case of Nadiád as well as this is, therefore, I submit, quite sound. No doubt at the next revision it will be perfectly valueless.
57. There was no bhátha land to assess at the original settlement. Now there are small areas of it to be found in the villages of Vasad and Sili, both situated on the. Máhi river. For the former I beg to propose a maximum rate of Rs. 6, and for the latter Rs. 5-8, both on 16 annas.of classification, the highest classificatior being 28 annas, both soil and water.
58. The areas by the group, which have been classed for subsoil water, and the assessment thereon according to the proposed maximum rates, are as follows:-

|  |  |  |  | Acres. | Rs. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: | ---: |
| Group I | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1,874 | 1,580 |  |
| Do. II | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 13,158 | 9,912 |  |
| Do. III | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 2,507 | 1,622 |  |
| Do. IV | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  | $\ldots$ | 457 | 255 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Total | $\ldots$ | 17,996 |

As the occupied area of the táluka is 61,189 acres, it will be seen that only $29 \cdot 4$ per cent. of it has been àdjudged to have subsoil water advantages. The bank of the Máhi is about 100 feet high, so that all the villages in its vicinity enjoy complete immunity from the incidence of the subsoil water rate. The average incidence per acre of the assessed area is 11-10 annas.
59. The amount of the bágáyat kasar or well assessment, which will be abandoned, is Rs. 10,586 .
60. There is no dhekudiat land in Anand, hence no item of revenue will have to be abandoned in consequence of the abolition of the dhekudiat assessment.
61. The subjoined table shows the estimated result of the application of the proposed rates to all Government occupied lands of the táluka. It is an abstract of Appendix $Q$ :-

| Class. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { villages. } \end{aligned}$ | $\underset{\text { crop rate. }}{\text { Maximum }}$ | By former Subvey. |  | By ievision Suryey. |  | Percentage increase. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Area. | Assessment. | Area, | Assessment, |  |
|  |  | Rs a. p. | Acres. | Rs. | Acres. | Rs. |  |
| 1. | 3 | 680 | 4,847 | 25,332 | 4,808 | 30,067 | 18.69 |
| II. | 33 | 5120 | 33,707 | 1,50,361 | 33,582 | 1,78,470 | 1869 |
| III. | 17 | 500 | 14,526 | 51,958 | 14,484 | 63,904 | $22 \cdot 99$ |
| - IV. | 13 | 4-40 | 8,341 | 22,125 | 8,315 | 29,198 | $31 \cdot 97$ |
|  |  | Total .. | 61,421 | 2,49,776 | 61,189 | 3,01,639 | 20.76 |

62. It will be seen that the proposed increase on the whole taluka is only 20.76 . The increase on individual groups is highest on group IV, but this is owing to a good many of the villages included in it having enjoyed a special low rate.
63. I am glad to say that no revenue is derived from trees, either in Government or alienated land, in this táluka. Teak, ebony and sandalwood trees do not grow in it.
64. In conclusion I would recommend that the rates sanctioned by Govern. ment be guaranteed for the usual period of 30 years.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
T. R. FERNANDEZ,

Deputy Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Gujarát.

APPENDIX A.


## APPENDIX B.

Details of Cultivation and Cops.


Detail of population acording to occupation by percentages.

| agricolttral population. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Non-agricultural, popllation. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Having interest in 104. |  |  |  |  | Labourers. |  |  | Total agricultural population. | Crafts. | Unskilled labour. | Others. | Total nonagricultural population. |
| Land occupants not cultivating. | Land occupants cultivating. | Tenants and sharers cultivating. | Others. | Total. | Farm servants. | Field <br> labourers and crop watchers | Total. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 3-14 | 32.02 | $27 \cdot 11$ | 0.21 | 62•48 | 1.05 | 6.57 | $7 \cdot 62$ | 70-10 | $16 \cdot 41$ | 2.27 | 11.22 | $29 \cdot 90$ |
| APPENDIX E. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Detail of population according to religion"and education.


APPENDIX $\mathbf{F}$
Statement showing the Agricaltural Stock.


APPENDIX G.
Statement of Shops, Looms, Temples, gc., and average Births, Deaths and Vaccination.

| No, of Vullages. | Shops. | $\underset{\text { Presses. }}{\text { Oil }}$ | Looms, |  | Common Saw arns. |  | Brithe, |  |  | Deaths |  | Vaccination, |  | Liquor <br> Shops. | Talimhhanas. | Dharam- | Temphes. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Cotton, | Woollen. | Hand glng. | Steam gins. |  |  |  | Hiadn. | Musalmán. |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | .$^{2}$ | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |  |  |  |  | $9{ }^{\text {- }}$ |  | 10 |  | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 60 | 1,276 | $201$ | 983 | . $\cdot$ | 573 | $1\{$ | Year.  Number. <br> $1888-89$ $\ldots$. 4,336 <br> $1889-90$ $\ldots$ 5,604 <br> $1890-91$ $\ldots$ 5,470 <br> $1891-92$ $\ldots$. 5,806 <br> $1892-93$ $\ldots$ 5,217 |  |  | Year.1889.89$1889-90$1890.911891.92$1892-93$ | Number. | Year. Number.  <br> $1888-89$ $\ldots$ 1,883 <br> $1889-90$ .. 1,573 <br> $1890-91$ $\ldots$ 1,384 <br> $1891-92$ $\ldots$ 2,261 <br> $1892-93$ $\ldots$ Not avalable. |  | 8 | 2 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4,648 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 4,597 |  |  |  | 193 |  | 46 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | . 4,344 | 81 |  |  | 193 |  | 46 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 4,990 |  |  |  |  |  | - |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 26,483 |  | 22,947 |  | 7,101 |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## APPENDIX H.

Statement of Schools together with their average Attendance.

| Number of Vallages in which there are Schools. | Tsluks. |  | Local board Schools. |  |  |  | Munioipal scitoois. |  |  |  | Privatis Schools. |  |  |  | Remaris. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Boys. |  | Giris. |  | Boys. |  | Guls. |  | Boys. |  | Gırı. |  |  |
|  |  |  | Number of Schools. | Average Attendance. | Number of Schools. | Average Attend ance. |  | Average Attendance. |  | Average Attendauce |  | A verage Attend. Attend ance, |  | Average Attendance. |  |
| 1 |  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14. | 15. |
| 36 | Anand | ... | 30 | 2,458 | 4 | 207 | 7 | 1,162 | 2 | 125 | 9 | 245 | 1 | 35 |  |

APPENDIX I.
Statement showing the proportion of Government occupied and Inám lands cultivated by occupants and Sub-tenants.

| Number ofVillages. | District. |  |  | Total Nombers cutit rathd by ocoupanta or INA'MDA'RS. |  | Totat Numbris edent ratbd by Oogupants ohINA 'MDA'RS IN PARTNBR <br> SHIP WITH OTHBRS |  | Totad Numbrrs cutit . FATED BY :UB-TENANT on Money Rent. |  | Totat Numbrrs outiti vated by Sjb-tenants for Produol of GrainRent. |  | Waste Numbers. | Parampok <br> Numbers, | Total Nombila. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | ${ }_{\substack{\text { Govern- } \\ \text { ment. }}}$ | Inam. | Government. | Inam. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Govern- } \\ \text { ment. } \end{gathered}$ | Inam. | Govern- ment. | Inam. |  |  | Govern-: | Inam. |
| 1 | 2 |  |  | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 66. | A'nand | ... | Percentage | 20,604 | 22,155 | 1,269 | 424 | 2,687 | 1,620 | 1,318 | 249 | 233 | 1,466 | 27,577 | 24,448 |
|  |  |  |  | 39 | 42 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 53 | 47 |

APPENDIX.J.
Statement showing Wells, Budkis, Tanks and other Sourcts of Water-supply.


## APPENDIX K .

Showing Ordinary Sales.


APPENDIX $\mathrm{K}^{(1)}$.
Showing Sales under Court Decree.

| Clase of Cases acoording to the number of trimes the Survey Land 18 sold. | Number of Caber. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Acres sold. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { sseasment. } \end{gathered}$ |  | Total sum for which sold. | Average rate per Acre for which sold. | Average number of timee the Suvey Assegey for whant soldich |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  | A. g. | Rs. a p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Re. a. p. |  |
| Class I-1 to 10 times ... | 4 | 1129 | 4510 | 3134 | 284611 | 2441 | 6.31 |
|  | \} 7 | 1839 | 80110 | 440 | 1,891 26 | 9987 | 2344 |
| Class IV-51 to 100 tumes Class V-: 01 to 250 tumes ... | $\cdots{ }^{\prime} 1$ | 011 | 130 | 146 | $178 \dddot{0} 0$ | 64744 | 10963 |
| Total | 12 | 3039 | 12760 | 41 | 2,353 9 | 75158 | $18 \cdot 47$ |

APPENDIX L:
Showing simple Mortgages.

| Class of Canes accordhng to the number of tumes the Survey Assessment is sold. | Numbar of Cases | Total Aores mortgaged. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Assossment. } \end{gathered}$ | DVerage Tate of Abegement per $A$ Acre | Total bum for which mortgaged. - | Average rate ${ }_{\text {Whe }}{ }^{\text {per Acre for }}$ fort crged |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  | A. g. | Rs, a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Re. a. p. | Re. a. p. |  |
| Class 1-1 to 10 times | 10 | 548 | 323130 | 515 | 2,661 120 | 49.19 | 8.23 |
| Class II-1I to 25 times | 40 | 20538 | 840100 | $\begin{array}{llll}4 & 1 & 3 \\ 4 & 7 & \\ 4\end{array}$ | 13,924 00 | 67 9 | 16.56 |
| Class III-26 to 50 trines | 33 | 11118 | $\begin{array}{llll}603 & 4 & 0 \\ 115 & 0\end{array}$ |  | 19,050 00 | $170{ }^{3} 10$ | 37.85 |
| Class IV-51 to 100 times | 12 | 260 | 1150 |  | 6,991 0 | 268141 | 60.78 |
| Class $\mathrm{V}-101$ to 150 tımes | 1 | 031 | 8 | 51211 | 50000 | 64527 | $111 \cdot 11$ |
| Total | 96 | 39815 | 1,787 3.0 | 479 | 43,126 120 | 1084 | 24•13 |

APPENDIX L, ${ }^{(1)}$.
Showing Mortgages with Possession.

. APPENDIX M.
Showing Sub-lettings.

| Class of Cases according to the number of tumes the Survey Ascessment for which Land us sold, | Namber of Cases, | Total Acres sub-lat. | Total Asaesament, | Average rate of Assessment per Acre. | Total sum for which sub-let. | A.verage rate per acre for which sub-let. | Average number of times the Survey A segssment for which sub-let. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  | 8 |
|  |  | A. g. | RE, a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs, a. p. | Ris. a, p. |  |
| Clase $\mathrm{I}-1$ to 5 times | 91 | 35116 | 1,479 130 | $\begin{array}{lll}4 & 3 & 4\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}3,778 & 0 & 0\end{array}$ | 10120 | $2 \cdot 55$ |
| Class II-6 to 10 times | 8 | 1411 | 63 \% 0 | 4669 | 340140 | 23140 | $5 \cdot 39$ |
| Class III-11 to 25 times | 1 | 123 | 450 | 2119 | 5788 | $\begin{array}{llll}36 & 8 & 1\end{array}$ | 13.33 |
| Class IV-26 to 50 times | ** | $\cdots$ |  | ** | ***' | ....' | *** |
| Class V -Above $60 t$ mes | 4 | -." | -•"•* | $\cdots$ | -**** | -•• .. | -• |
| Total | 100 | 36710 | 1,547 50 | 4314 | $4,376 \quad 6 \quad 0$ | 11511 | $2 \cdot 69$ |

## APPENDIX N.

Statement showing the Prices prevalent.

: 1582-6

## APPĖNDIX 0.

Revenue Statements for 36 Villagest of the late Nadiád Taluka，now situated in the Anand T＇áluka of the Kaira Collectorate into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1865－66．
［The years above the black line are those antecedent to the Survey Settlement，${ }_{4}$ ］

| Years． | Ocoupisd Land paying AssbssMymt to Govarkibnt． |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Usoccupisd } \\ \text { Assessed ARABLE } \\ \text { Goverkmink } \\ \text { LAAND. } \end{gathered}$ |  |  | Land，the Revenue of which ig Alienated getiligly or partialiy （INAM）． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Rumaris． |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 要䔍䔍若 |  | Remiserions during the year． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 曾 曾 管 | 䈍 感 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 㵢 } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16. | 17 | 18 | 18 |
|  |  |  | Rs． | Re． | Rs． | Re． |  | Rs | B8． |  | Re． | Rs． | Acres． | Rs． | Re． | R8 | Rss |  |
| 186061 | 34，015 | 1，37，522 | 257 | 95 | 352 | 1，37，170 | 2，218 | 6，664 | 302 | 32，216 | 1，49，428 | 43，835 | 69，449 | 2，93，014 | 1，81，307 | ． | $\cdots$ |  |
| 186162 | 34，056 | 1，36，565 | 257 | 95 | 352 | 1，36，213 | 2，134 | 0，543 | 276 | 32，263 | 1，40，255 | 43，726 | 68，453 | 2，92，383 | 1，80，215 | ．$\cdot$ |  |  |
| 1862－63 | 34，182 | 1，37，062 | 200 | 282 | 572 | 1，86，490 | 2，019 | 6，214 | 228 | 31，833 | 1，47，74 ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | 43，707 | 68，054 | 2，91，022 | 1，80，425 |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 3863－64 ．．． | 34，396 | 1，37，389 | 244 | 100 | 344 | 1，37，045 | 1，951 | 6，255 | 171 | 33，283 | 1，49，374 | 54，005 | 68，630 | 2，93，018 | 1，91，821 | $\therefore$ |  |  |
| 1864－65 | 34，562 | 1，39，035 | 236 | 187 | 423 | 1，38，612 | 1，888 | 0，105 | 240 | 33，047 | 1，48，810 | 56，038 | 88，497 | 2，93，850 | 1，94，910 | ．．． | ． |  |
| Average． | 34，242 | 1，97，515 | 257 | 152 | 403 | 1，37，106 | 2，042 | 6，356 | 243 | 32，132 | 1，48，922 | 48，386 | 68，416 | 2，02，793 | 1，87，735 |  |  |  |
| 3865－66 ．． | 35，470 | 1，47，770 | 1，376 | 10，630 | 12，006 | 1，35，764 | 2，030 | 4，596 | 8 | 35，491 | 1，42，192 | 61，842 | 72，991 | 2，04，548 | 1，97，014 | ．．． | 5，308 |  |
| 1866－67 | 36，384 | 1，40，728 | 13 | 92 | 105 | 1，40，623 | 1，041 | 4，810 | 635 | 38，277 | 1，57，05＊ | 69，894 | 76，602 | 3，02，50： | －，11，052 | ．．． |  |  |
| 1867－68 ．．． | 35，835 | 1，39，530 | 13 | $\cdots$ | 13 | 1，39，513 | 2，104 | 5，114 | 1，142 | 38，765 | 1，53，315 | 71，015 | 76，704 | 2，97，059 | 2，11，670 | ＊ |  |  |
| 186869 ．．． | 34，596 | 1，33，605 | 13 | $\cdots$ | 13 | 1，33，592 | 2，048 | 4，970 | 559 | 34，814 | 1，56，279 | 72，404 | 76，459 | 2，94，854 | 2，06，555 |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1869－70 ．． | 34，598 | 1，33，562 | 20 |  | 20 | 1，33，542 | 2，067 | 5，016 | 490 | 39，817 | 1，56，393 | 72，458 | 76，512 | 2，95，001 | 2，03，490 |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1870－71 | 34，635 | 1，34，000 | 20 | $\cdots$ | 20 | 1，33，980 | 2，187 | 5，379 | 396 | 39，839 | 1，56，368 | 72，461 | 76，661 | 2，95，747 | 2，06，837 | ．．． | $\ldots$ |  |
| 1871－72 ．．． | 34，625 | 1，33，93 | 20 | $\cdots$ | 20 | 1，33，919 | 2，186 | 5，368 | 092 | 30，841 ${ }^{\text {＇}}$ | 1，56，381 | 72，432 | 76，652 | 2，95，688 | 2，06，953 | ．．． | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1872－73 | 34，483 | 1，33，259 | 20 |  | 20 | 1，33，239 | 2，192 | 5，368 | 606 | 39，843 | 1，56，386 | 72，466 | 76，518 | 2，95，008 | 2，06，311 | ． | － |  |
| Average． | 35，078 | 1，37，049 | 187 | 1，340 | 1，527 | 1，35，52 | 2，095 | 5，081 | 542 | 38，964 | 1，54，295 | 70，621 | 76，137 | 2，06，425 | 2，06，685 |  | 531 |  |
| 1873－74 | 34，655 | 1，33，849 | 20 | $\because$ | 20 | 1，33，829 | 1，149 | 2，751 | 588 | 39，348 | 1，56，393 | 72，538 | 75，650 | 2，92，003 | 2，06，955 | ．．． | ＊＊ |  |
| 3874－75 ．．． | 34，526 | 1，33，591 | 20 | $\cdots$ | 20 | 1，33，571 | 1，236 | 2，930 | 538 | 39，846 | 1，56，393 | 72，542 | 75，008 | 2，92，014 | 2，06，651 | ．．． |  |  |
| 1875－76 ．．． | 34，558 | 1，33，685 | 20 |  | 20 | 1，33，665 | 1，247 | 2，958 | 508 | 39，845 | 1，56，361 | 72，529 | 75，650 | 2，03，005 | 2，06，702 | $\cdots$ |  |  |
| 1876－77 ．．． | 34，520 | 1，33，501 | 20 | $\cdots$ | 20 | 1，37，571 | 1，282 | 2，997 | 516 | 39，815 | 1，56，337 | 72，519 | 75，647 | 2，92，925 | 2，06，606 |  |  |  |
| 1877－78 mo． | 34，625 | 1，34，048 | 20 | $\cdots$ | 20 | 1，34，02 | 1，066 | 2，3 | 350 | 39，845 | 1，56，379 | 72，510 | 75，536 | 2，92，770 | 2，03，897 |  | ．．． |  |
| 1878－79 ．．． | 34，916 | 1，34，7．8 | 20 |  | 20 | 1，34，708 | 813 | 1，833 | 436 | 39，845 | 1，56，339 | 72，510 | 75，004 | 2，82，897 | 2，07，681 |  |  |  |
| 1879－80 | 34，996 | 1，34，766 | 20 | $\cdots$ | 20 | 1，34，746 | 765 | 1，648 | 417 | 39，845 | 1，58，338 | 72，520 | 75，606 | 2，92，753 | 2，07，683 | ．．． | $\ldots$ |  |
| 1880－81 ．．． | 34，974 | 1，34，777 | 20 | ＇． | 20 | 1，34，757 | 750 | 1，645 | 477 | 39，910 | 1，58，339 | 72，519 | 75，674 | 2，92，761 | 2，07，753 | ．．． | ．．． |  |
| 1881－82 | 35，132 | 1，35，1 | 20 |  | $\bigcirc 20$ | 1，35，12 | 632 | 1，288 | 505 | 39，834 | 1，56，339 | 72，515 | 75，603 | 2，92，763 | 2，08，146 | ．．． | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1882－83 | 35，133 | 1，35，144 | 20 | $\cdots$ | 20 | 1，35，124 | 632 | 1，285 | 537 | 39，933 | 1，56，329 | 72，510 | 73，698 | 2，92，758 | 2，08，181 | ．．． | ＇＊＊ |  |
| Average | 34，807 | 1，34，332 | 20 | － | 20 | 1，34，312 | 061 | 2，173 | 487 | 39，869 | 1，56，347 | 72，524 | 75，637 | 2，92，854 | 2，07，323 |  | $\stackrel{*}{*}$ |  |
| 1883－84 ．． | 35，167 | 1，35，1 | 20 | ．．．＋ | 20 | 1，35，173 | 612 | 1，257 | 510 | 39，918 | 1，56，282 | 72，520 | 75，698 | 2，92，732 | 2，08，203 |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1884－85 | 35，167 | 1，35，193 | 20 | $\cdots$ | 20 | 1，35，173 | 612 | 1，258 | 528 | 39，919 | 1，56，281 | 72，500 | 75，608 | 2，92，732 | 2，08，2．1 |  |  |  |
| 1885－86 | 35，189 | 1，35，240 | 20 | $\cdots$ | 20 | 1，35，22v | 587 | 1，20b | 547 | 39，919 | 1，56，281 | 72，520 | 75，695 | 2，92，727 | 2，08，287 | ．．． |  |  |
| 1886－87 | 35，189． | 1，35，150 | 20 |  | 20 | 1，35，130 | 583 | 1，200 | 582 | 39，919 | 1，56，281 | 72，520 | 75，691 | 2，92，831 | 2，08，212 |  | ＊． |  |
| 1887．88 ．．． | 35，193 | 1，35，169 | 20 | － | 20 | 1，35，138 | 579 | 1，191 | 595 | 39，831 | 1，56，281 | 72，520 | 75，003 | 2，92，631 |  |  |  |  |
| 188889 | 35，187 | －1，35，151 | 20 | － | 20 | 1，35，131 | 571 | 1，176 | 495 | 39，329 | 1，56，272 | 72，520 | 75，587 | 2，92，599 | 2，08，146 |  | $\ldots$ |  |
| 185880 ．．． | 35，199 | 1，35，168 | 20 | $\cdots$ | 20 | 1，36，148 | 561 | 1，363 | 516 | 39，829 | 1，56，272 | 72，619 | 75，599 | 2，02，603 | 2，08，183 |  |  |  |
| 189091 ．．． | 35，2．4 | 1，35，258 | 20 | $\cdots$ | 20 | 1，35，288 | 536 | 1，10u | 500 | 39，829 | 1，56，272 | 72，520 | 75，589 | 2，92，636 | 2，08，258 |  |  |  |
| 1891－92 | 35，254 | 1，35，348 | 20 | $\cdots$ | 20 | 1，35，328 | 505 | 1，050 | 450 | 40，553 | 1，56，496 | 72，548 | 76，312 | 2，92，894 | 2，08，32e | ．．． |  |  |
| 1892－93 | 35，276 | 1，35，180 | 20 | $\cdots$ | 20 | 1，35，170 | 483 | 1，004 | 468 | 40，547 | 1，56，668 | 72，548 | 76，306 | 2，92，862 | 2，08，184 | ．．． | ．．． |  |
| Averase． | 35，205 | 1，35，205 | 20 | ． | 20 | 1，35，185 | 563 | 1，261 | 516 | 40，010 | 1，56，338 | 72，526 | 75，778 | 2，92，704 | 2，08，227 | $\cdots$ | － |  |

## APPENDIX $0^{(1)}$ ，

Revenue Statement for 19 Villayes of the late Borsad Táluka，now situated in the A＇uand T＇áluka of the Kuira Collectorate，into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 186̈6－67．
［The years above the black line are those antecelent to the Survey Settlement．］

| Years． | Occupind Layd payimg aberbement to Goversmbit． |  |  |  |  |  | UNOCCDPIEDABPRESIDARABLBGOVBRNMESTLAYD． |  |  | Lafd，tha Rryenve of which is allignated entibely or pabtialis （INAM）． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Rimarms． |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Remisaiona durng the year． |  |  |  |  |  |  | 鮷 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { 葆 } \\ \text { 号 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 蓸 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | －7 | 8 | 0 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
|  |  | Rs． | He | $\mathbf{R a}$ | Rs． | Rs． |  | Re， | Rs． |  | Rs． | RE． | Acres． | Rs． | R． | Hs |  |  |
| 1861－62 | 18，087 | 85，524 | 75 | 63 | 138 | 85，380 | 690 | 922 | 122 | 13，249 | 32，823 | 14，037 | 32，935 | 1，38，289 | 98，535 | － | 288 |  |
| 1863－63 | 18，980 | 85，533 | $\cdots$ | 12 | 12 | 85，521 | 678 | 934 | 115 | 12，180 | 52，863 | 14，037 | 31，864 | 1，38，330 | 99，673 | $\cdots$ | 283 |  |
| 1863－64 | 18，900 | 86，04 | $\cdots$ | ＊ | ＂． | 80，048 | 611 | 833 | 42 | 13，174 | 52，666 | 16，082 | 32，694 | 1，39，537 | 1，02，171 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 188465 | 18，989 | 86，092 | $\ldots$ | 27 | 27 | 86，085 | 618 | 858 | 26 | 12，937 | 51，543 | 16，672 | 32，532 | 1，38，403 | 1，02，783 | $\ldots$ | 71 |  |
| 186566 | 10，089 | 86，342 | ．．＇ | 27 | 27 | 86，315 | 458 | 575 | 7 | 12，804 | 50，590 | 16864 | 33，161 | 1，37，518 | 1，02，988 | $\cdots$ | ． |  |
| Alerage ．．． | 18，998 | 85，908 | 15. | 26 | 41 | 85，867 | 610 | 826 | 60 | 12，838 | 52，099 | 15，498 | 36，437 | 1，38，833 | 1，01，425 | $\cdots$ | 129 |  |
| 1866．87 | 21，988 | 1，04，378 | 105 | 5，441 | 5，546 | 88，833 | 893 | 2，623 | 6 | 13，908 | 56，047 | 20，694 | 36，739 | 1，03，049 | 1，19，433 | $\cdots$ | －1，324 |  |
| 1887．68 | 17，353 | 03，025 | 105 | 436 | 541 | 22，487 | 910 | 2，737 | 104 | 16，480 | 65，330 | 26，532 | 34，743 | 1，61，095 | 1，10，123 | $\cdots$ | － |  |
| 1868－69 | 10，355 | 02，772 | 105 | ．．． | 105 | 92，687 | 918 | 2，741 | 112 | 16，467 | 68，300 | 26，198 | 36，740 | 1，83，813 | 1，18，975 | $\cdots$ | － |  |
| 1869－70 ．．． | 19，581 | 02，712 | 105 |  | 105 | 92，607 | 876 | 2，700 | 180 | 18，258 | 67，085 | 26，420 | 36，710 | 1，83，397 | 1，10，157 |  | － |  |
| 1870．71 | 19，579 | 92，674 | 127 |  | 127 | Q2，548 | 788 | 2，708 | 283 | 16，253 | 67，568 | 26，023 | 86，620 | 1，62，048 | 1，18，454 | $\cdots$ |  |  |
| 1871－72 | 18，872 | 92，646 | 126 | $\cdots$ | 128 | 92，520 | 873 | 2，708 | 349 | 16，259 | 67，645 | 26，889 | 36，008 | 1，62，999 | 1，19，55＊ | $\ldots$ |  |  |
| 187273 | 19，523 | 02，888 | 127 | ．．． | 127 | 92， 5 ¢1 | 930 | 2，909 | 398 | 16，256 | 67，582 | 26，645 | 38，709 | 1，63，379 | 1，10，80t |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| Average | 19，457 | 94，448 | 114 | 839 | 954 | 93，488 | 885 | 2，732 | 198 | 15，982 | 65，779 | 25，671 | 36，324 | 1，62，954 | 1，10，358 | $\cdots$ | 189 |  |
| 1873－74 | 18，587 | 92，964 | 127 | ．．＇ | 127 | 02，837 | 839 | 959 | 286 | 16，275 | 67，578 | 28，590 | 36，151 | 1，61，501 | 1，19，713 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1874－75 | 19，506 | 83，107 | 127 | $\cdots$ | 127 | 02，980 | 261 | 750 | 210 | 16，266 | 67，518 | 26，576 | 38，115 | 1，81，375 | 1，19，766 | ．．． |  |  |
| 1875－76 | 19，596 | 93，057 | 127 | $\cdots$ | 127 | 92，080 | 259 | 737 | 351 | 16，257 | 67，570 | 26，570 | 36，112 | 1，81，384 | 1，19，85ı |  |  |  |
| 187677 | 19，608 | 98，090 | 127 | $\cdots$ | 127 | 92，963 | 214 | 618 | 287 | 16，268 | 67，570 | 26，570 | 36，030 | 1，61，278 | 1，19，320 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1877.78 | 15，585 | 93，042 | 127 | $\cdots$ | 127 | 02，015 | 228 | 660 | 180 | 16，257 | 67，471 | 26，570 | 36，080 | 1，61，173 | 1，19，665 | ．．． |  |  |
| 1878－70 | 19，873 | 98，276 | 127 | $\cdots$ | 127 | －93，140 | 152 | 428 | 319 | 16，259 | 67，488 | 26，574 | 36，083 | 1，61，190 | 1，20，042 | $\cdots$ |  |  |
| 1879－80 ．．． | 18，726 | 89，427 | 127 | ．．＇ | 127 | 93，300 | 128 | 358 | ． 272 | 18，263 | 67，486 | 20，574 | 36，117 | 1，61，286 | 1，20，146 | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ |  |
| 1880－81 | 19，348 | 91，229 | 127 | ．．． | 127 | 91，102 | 128 | 353 | 346 | 16，683 | 69，786 | 28，254 | 36，137 | 1，01，368 | 1，19，702 | ＊ |  |  |
| 189182 | 19，354 | 91，263 | 127 | $\cdots$ | 127 | 91，126 | 118 | 321 | 373 | 16，663 | 69，687 | 28，197 | 36，135 | 1，61，261 | 1，19，690 | $\cdots$ |  |  |
| 1882－83 | 19，362 | 91，273 | 127 | $\cdots$ | 127 | 91，146 | 110 | 299 | 339 | 16，682 | 69，687 | 29，197 | 36，134 | 1，61，259 | 1，19，675 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| Average ．．． | 19，589 | 92，572 | 127 |  | 127 | 92，455 | 184 | 548 | 298 | 16，381 | 68，181 | 27，067 | 36，114 | d，61，304 | 1，19，808 |  |  |  |
| 1883－84 ．． | 19，383 | 91， 320 | 127 | ＊ | 127 | 91，193 | 116 | 312 | 338 | 16，683 | 60，687 | 28，197 | 36.161 | 1，81，319 | 1，10，728 |  | ＊－ |  |
| $188485 \quad$. | 19，422 | 91，352 | 127 | ．．． | 127 | 91，228 | 83 | 240 | 371 | 16，603 | 69，687 | 28，197 | 36，168 | 1，61，279 | 1，19，794 | － |  |  |
| 1885086 | 10，420 | 01，33： | 127 |  | 127 | 01，232 | 83 | 210 | 437 | 16，665 | 69，711 | 28，209 | 36，168 | 1，61，280 | 1，19，849 | $\cdots$ |  |  |
| 1888．87 | 10，370 | 91，376 | 127 | ． | 127 | 91，249 | 73 | 207 | 403 | 16，606 | 69716 | 28，212 | 36，118 | 1，61，289 | 1，19，864 | ． | ．＂ |  |
| 188i－88 | 20，052 | 92，752 | 127 | $\cdots$ | 127 | 92，630 | 74 | 206 | 410 | 16，650 | 69，716 | 28，212 | 36，775 | 1，62，679 | 1，21，253 | $\cdots$ | ．．． |  |
| 1888－89 ．．． | 20，051 | 92，725 | 127 |  | 127 | 92，598 | 73 | 204 | 378 | 16，641 | 69，707 | 28，208 | 36，765 | 1，62，636 | 1，21，184 |  | ．－＊ |  |
| 1859－90 ．．．． | 20，056 | 92，740 | 127 | － | 127 | 02，613 | 67 | 100 | 423 | 16，641 | 69，707 | 28，208 | 36，764 | 1，62，637 | 1，21，244 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1880．91 | 20，037 | 92，181 | 127 | $\cdots$ | 127 | 920，54 | 83 | 177 | 528 | 16，641 | 69，707 | 28，209 | 36，740 | 1，82，080 | 1，20，791 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1891.92 ．．． | 20，036 | 92，170 | 127 | ．．． | 127 | 92，048 | 62 | 175 | 529 | 16，631 | 69，707 | 28，20 | 36，739 | 1，62，052 | 1，20，781 | － |  |  |
| 1892－93 ．－ | 20，045 | 92，188 | 127 | $\cdots$ | －127 | 92，061 | 54 | 250 | 640 | 16，644 | 69，707 | 28，200 | 38，740 | 1，62，045 | 1，20，910 | － |  |  |
| Average | 19，788 | 02，014 | 127 | $\cdots$ | 187 | 81，887 | 75 | 210 | 446 | 16，651 | 69，705 | 28，207 | 36，514 | 1，61，929 | 1，20，540 | ＊ |  |  |

## APPENDIX $0^{(2)}$

Revenue History for 6 Villages of the late Thissra Tálulka，now situated in the Anand Taluka of the．Kaira Collectorate，into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1863－64．
［The years above the black line are those antecedent to the Sarvey Settlement．］

| Years． | Ocuctiod Lang Paping A ssgsimant toGofkzmant． |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \begin{array}{c} \text { Uvoccuplyd ABSESSBD } \\ \text { ARABLE Goverament } \\ \text { LANDD. } \end{array} \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |  | Land，TEE Reventis of which is alienatgd ENTIRELIT OR PABTIALLIK （INA＇M）． |  |  | Totay Land－Goverinhent OCGUPIED，UNOCCDPIED and InA＇m． |  |  |  |  | 思 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Remissions， |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | ． 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
|  |  | Rs． |  | Rs | Rs． | Rs． |  | Rs． | Rs， |  | Rs， | Rs． | Acre | Re． | Re． |  |  |  |
| 185359 | 2，720 | 16，306 | ．．． | 27 | 27 | 16，279 | 374 | 1，284 | 230 | 3，266 | 14，446 | 6，010 | 6，360 | 22，036 | 21，523 | ．．． | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1859－80 | 2，741 | 16，400 | ．．． | 27 | 27 | 16，373 | 813 | 1，170 | 180 | 3，266 | 14，446 | 4，908 | 6，320 | 32，016 | 21，651 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1860－61 | 2，763 | 16，478 | $\cdots$ | 27 | 27 | ． 16,451 | 300 | 1，110 | 190 | 3，266 | 14，446 | 4，998 | 6，319 | 32，034 | 21，639 | ．．． | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1861－62 | 2，775 | 16，553 | $\because$ | 27 | 27 | 16，526 | 296 | 1，094 | 148 | 8，252 | 14，402 | 5，017 | 6，323 | 32，049 | 21，091 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1869．03 | 2，808 | 16，607 |  | 27 | 27 | 16，580 | 290 | 1，086 | 150 | 3，252 | 14，402 | 5，021 | 6，350 | 33，075 | 21，751 | ．．． |  |  |
| Average | 2，759 | 16，469 | $\cdots$ | 27 | 27 | 16，4＋2 | 815 | 1，145 | 179 | 3，260 | 14，42s | 5，010 | 6，394 | 32，042 | 21，631 | ．．． | $\ldots$ |  |
| 1003－64 | 4，129 | 15，384 |  | 1，115 | 1，115 | 14，269 | 110 | 261 | 15 | 3，787 | 13，632 | 6，759 | 8，026 | 29，277 | 21，043 | ． | ．．． |  |
| 1864－65 | \＄127 | 15，386 | $\cdots$ | 45 | 45 | 15，341 | 72 | 167 | 3 | 3，785 | －13，640 | 6，729 | 7，984 | 20，193 | 28，006 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1860－66 | 4，125 | 15，685 |  | 27 | 27 | 15，658 | 63 | 154 | 2 | 3，759 | 13，551 | 6，732 | 7，946 | 20，393 | 22，392 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1866－67 | 4，240 | 16，107 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 16，107 | 72 | 175 | 15 | 3，414 | 13，141 | 6，434 | 7，986 | 29，423 | 22，556 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1887－88 | 4，242 | 16，155 | ．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 16，1］5 | 70 | 164 | 18 | 3，614 | 13，142 | 0，434 | 7，926 | 29，421 | 22，567 | ＂＊ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1868 －69 | 4，245 | 16，123 | $\cdots$ | $\pm$ | $\cdots$ | 16，133 | 66 | 156 | 18 | 3，014 | 13，143 | 0，434 | 7，025 | 29，421 | 22，575 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1890－70 | 4，245 | 16，123 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | 16，123 | 66 | 156 | 18 | 8，614 | 13，141 | 6，434 | 7，925 | 29，420 | 22，575 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1870－72 | 4，245 | 18，123 |  | ＊＊ | $\cdots$ | 18，123 | 66 | 156 | 22 | 3，814 | 13，141 | 6，434 | 7，985 | 20，420 | 22，579 | ＊＊ | ．．． |  |
| 1871－72 | 4，245 | 16，123 |  | － | $\cdots$ | 16，123 | 66 | 156 | 23 | 3，614 | 13，141 | ：6，434 | 7，925 | 20，420 | 22，580 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 187273 | 4，237 | 16，102 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | 18，108 | 74 | 176 | 27 | 3，614 | 13，142 | 6，434 | 7，925 | 29，420 | 22，563 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| Average | 4，208 | 15，927 | $\cdots$ | 119 | 119 | 15，808 | 72 | 172 | 16 | 3，663 | 13，281 | 6，525 | 7，943 | 20，880 | 22，348 | ． | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1878－74＊ | 4，237 | 16，102 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 16，102 | 54 | 123 | 13 | 3，614 | 13，142 | 0，434 | 7，905 | 23，367 | 22，540 | $\ldots$ |  |  |
| 1874－75 | 4，237 | 16，103 | ． | $\cdot$ | $\cdots$ | 16，103 | 58 | 122 | 27 | －3，614 | 13，142 | 6，434 | 7，804 | 29，367 | 22，564 |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1875－76 | 4，238 | 16，105 |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 16，105 | 52 | 121 | 28 | 3，614 | 13，142 | 6，434 | 7， 004 | 29，388 | 22，587 | $\cdots$ |  |  |
| 1878－77 | 4，240 | 16，108 |  | ． | $\cdots$ | 16，108 | 50 | 118 | 30 | 3，613 | 13，137 | 6，435 | 7，903 | 20，363 | 22，571 | $\cdots$ | － |  |
| 1877－78 | 4，240 | 16，108 | ． | ． | $\cdots$ | 16，108 | 60 | 118 | 15 | 3，613 | 13，137 | 6，439 | 7，903 | 20，363 | 22，556 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1878－79 | 4，234 | 16，t96 | … | $\cdots$ | － | 16，096 | 56 | 1\％ | 29 | 3，613 | 13，137 | 6，433 | 7，903 | 29，362 | 22，558 | $\cdots$ | ．．． |  |
| 1870－90 | 4，244 | 16，120 | $\cdots$ |  | ＊ | 16，120 | 46 | 105 | 27 | 3，013 | 18，137 | 6，432 | 7，903 | 29，362 | 22，579 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1880－81 | 1，244 | 16，221 | ＊ |  | $\cdots$ | 16，121 | 41 | 08 | 29 | 3，616 | 13，137 | 6，432 | 7，901 | 29，351 | 22，582 |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1892－82 | 4，273 | 16，139 | $\cdots$ | ． | $\cdots$ | 16，139 | 12 | －75 | 9 | 3，616 | 13，137 | 6，432 | 7，901 | 29，351 | 22，580 | － | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1582－8\％ | 4，274 | 16，137 | $\cdots$ | ．．． |  | 16，137 | 12 | 75 | 15 | 3，616 | 18，137 | 6，433 | 7，900 | 29，349 | 22，584 | ＂ | $\cdots$ |  |
| Average | 4，246 | 16，114 | ，．．． | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 16，114 | 48 | 108 | 22 | 3，614 | 13，138 | －0，433 | 7，802 | 29，360 | 22，569 | $\ldots$ | － |  |
| 1883－84 | 4，276 | 18，148 | $\cdots$ | ．．． | $\cdots$ | 16，148 | 13 | 75 | 16 | 3，616 | 13，137 | 6，432 | 7，935 | 29，360 | 22，596 | $\cdots$ | ＂ |  |
| 2884－85－ | 4，276 | 16，204 | ． | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 18，194 | 12 | 26 | 17 | 3，810 | 13，137 | 6，432 | 7，904 | 29，357 | 25，643 | $\bullet$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1885－86 | 4，277－ | 16，194 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | 16，194 | 12 | 26 | 17 | 3，615 | 13，137 | 6，932 | ＇7，004 | 20，357 | 22，643 | －．． | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1886－87 | 4，276 | 16，193 | － |  | $\cdots$ | 16，193 | 12. | 26 | 18 | 3，618 | 13，137 | 6，432 | 7，904 | 29，356 | 22，643 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1887488 ．． | 4，271 | 16，159 |  | ＊ | $\cdots$ | 16，159 | 13 | 32 | 15 | 3，612 | 13，136 | 6，431 | 7，896 | 29，327 | 22，605 | $\cdots$ | ．．＇ |  |
| 1888－89 | 4，270 | 16，153 | $\cdots$ | ． | $\cdots$ | 16，153 | 12 | 26 | 7 | 3612 | 13，136 | 6，431 | 7，893 | 29，315 | 22，591 | － | ．．． |  |
| 1889－90 | 4，270 | 16，163 | $\cdots$ | － | ．．． | 16，153 | 12 | 26 | 7 | 3，612 | 13，136 | 6，431 | 7，894 | 29，315 | 22，501 | $\cdots$ | ． |  |
| 1890－01 | 4，269 | 16，150 | $\cdots$ | ＊ | ．．． | 10，150 | 12 | 28 | 8 | 3，612 | 13，136 | 6，431 | 7，893 | 29，312 | 22，589 | ＊＊ | ．．． |  |
| 1891－92－ | 4，269 | 16，151 | ＇ | $\cdots$ | ．．． | 16，151 | 12 | 29 | 8 | 3，612 | 13，136 | 8，431 | 7，893 | 20，313 | 22，590 | ＋0 | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1892－93 | 4，270 | 16，151 | ＊ | ．．． | － | 16，151 | 12 | 26 | 8 | 3，612 | 13，136 | 6，431 | 7，894 | 29，313 | 22，580 | ＂ | $\cdots$ |  |
| Average ．． | 4，273 | 16，164， | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 16，164 | 12 | 82 | 11 | 3，613 | 13，136 | 6，432 | 7，808 | 20，333 | 22，608 | $\cdots$ | ＂＇ |  |

## APPENDIX $0^{(3)}$.

Revenue Statement for 5 Villages of the late Mahudha Taluka, now situated in the A'nand Táluka of the Kaira Collectorate, into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1862-63.
[The years above the black hne are those antecedent to the Survey Settlement.]


Effect of Revision Settlement


Proposals on Government Occupied Land.


APPENDIX



- R. $=$ Old rice.
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APPENDIX Q.
Area of villages for settlement with details.


APPENDIX Q-continued.

| No. | - Name of village. | Former | by bozuiz Sterix. |  |  |  | By Retieion Stavay. |  |  |  | Popolation. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Gross"Area includung } \\ \text { Inám. } \end{gathered}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Government assessed } \\ & \text {.Land. } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Gross Area maludung } \\ & \text { In } \mathrm{mm} \text {. } \end{aligned}$ |  | Government assessed Land. |  |  |
|  |  |  | Available for eultavation. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Not } \\ \begin{array}{c} \text { araulable } \\ \text { Por cultio } \\ \text { vatuon. } \end{array} \end{gathered}$ | Occupied. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Un- } \\ \text { occupied. } \end{gathered}$ | Avalable for cultavation. | Not avallable for cults- vation vatio | Occupied | - $\begin{gathered}\text { Un- } \\ \text { occupled. }\end{gathered}$ |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | - 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 • | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|  | CLass iv. |  | Acres, | Acres, | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres, |  |
| 54 55 |  | ( | $\begin{array}{r}2,691 \\ 583 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | - ${ }_{21}^{190}$ | 1,434 466 | 44 | 2,689 | 190 21 | 1,432 463 | 43 | 2,265 |
| 56 | Dhuleta $\quad . .0$...... |  | 1,493 | 189 | 525 | 11 | 1,491 | 189 | 523 | 12 | 848 |
| 57 | Sundalpur . ... | $\}^{\text {Nadiád }} \cdot \underline{\text {... }}$ | ${ }_{2}^{4,412}$ | 1,600 | 1,232 | 149 | 4,405 | 1,599 | 1,224 | 149 | 2,968 |
| 58 59 | Bharodáa ... .. .. <br> Suli ..   |  | 2,218 3,854 | 1,001 | 1,020 | 27 20 | $\mathbf{2 , 2 0 0}$ 3,865 | 196 990 | 1,004 | $\stackrel{26}{20}$ | 3,356 |
| 60 | Khánpur $\quad . . .6$ |  | 1,993 | 1,002 | 847 | 52 | 1,989 | 1,003 | 843 | 52 | 1,050 |
| 61 | Vehera | ? Borisad ... | 2,157 | 1,029 | 709 | 2 | 2,160 | 1,025 | 705 | 8 | ,2,355 |
| 62 | Anklásdi $\quad . .0$ | . ${ }^{\text {ariad }} \cdot \cdots$ | 1,162 | 345 | 180 | 3 | 1,163 | 345 | 181 | 3 | 482 |
| 63 | Thámná Talpad ... . ... |  | 1,519 | 211 | 976 | 49 | 1,518 | 211 | 976 | 49 | 2,455 |
| 64 | Thamná Vanto ... ... | Mahudha . | 1,133 | 134 | 33 | - | 1,133 | 134 | 34 | ... | ${ }^{279}$ |
| ${ }_{6}^{65}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Ghorá } \\ \text { Arda } & . . & . . & . \\ \text { arer }\end{array}$ | $\}^{\text {Mahudha }}$ : | 1,149 1,368 | 171 | 352 422 | $\mathbf{3}$ 9 | 1,147 1,369 | 172 | 350 424 | 2 9 | [1,005 |
|  | Total ${ }^{\text { }}$ |  | 25,732 | 6,276 | 18,341 | 369 | -25,709 | 6,262 | 8,315 | 373 | 19,779 |
|  | Grand Total ... | ...... | 127,105 | 16,642 | 61,421 | 611 | .126,851 | 16,744 | 61,189 | . 6.610 | 150,828 |

## APPENDIX Q.-

Statement shoving the area therein for subsoil water advantage at rates proposed in. Appendix Q.


From

> J. DeC. ATKINS, Esquine, I. C. S.,
> Collector of Kaira ;

To

G. B. REID, Esquire, I. C. S.,<br>Commissioner, N. D.

Camp Kaira District, 8th February 1895.

## Sir,

I have the honour to forward a report by Mr. Deputy Survey Superintendent Fernandez on the revision survey settlement of the Anand Táluka of this district.
2. Before dealing with the settlement proposals, I think I may conveniently refer to the interesting social subject dealt with in Mr. Fernandez's eleventh paragraph. He appears to attach much importance to this, and I feel that, in view of, the prominence he has given it, I can scarcely content myself, as I did when reviewing bis Nadiad report, with remarking that it is not new to district officers, and its connexion with soil and water assessments is not very close. He desires and demands that Revenue officers should pay their best and most earnest

* He calls them Pátidárs, lbut his remarks apply to Lewa Kanbis, only a few of whom deserve the exalted title of Pátidár though they like it and use it just as many plain misters like to be called esquires.
attention to the fact that in some villages numerous
Lewa Kanbi* adult males are unmarried, I might tell him in reply that the doctrine of Malthus has been held worthy of attention in considering agricultural tracts so densely=-so terribly densely populated as the Anand Táluka. I might suggest that on the whole it is better that the birth-rate should be kept low by a partial abstention from marriage than that a disastrous expansion of the population should be unchecked save by an abnormal death-rate. And I might add that the existence of some bachelor adults in a community is not ordinarily thought alarming; that except in India it is not even unusual: and that it may be explained sometimes by a postponement of the age for marrying. But nevertheless the Lewa Kanbi marriage question is an interesting one, and it has always been found interesting by district officers. I propose to say a few words about it. It would be impossible to explain here all the complications, and I merely desire to give a general sort of sketch.

3. The main distinctions are between Lewa Kanbis who sell their sons in marriage and those who sell their daughters, or, in other words, between those who expect girls to have dowries and those who expect dowries from boym. It must further be remembered that a girl cannot, whereas a boy can, marry into a family of lower social rank. And then again there is the fact that the social rank of a person depends on the village in which that
+A fact that has its infivence on emigration or rather the absence of emigration. suffice here to consider the main division between 12 (or $12 \frac{1}{2}$ ) special kulin villages and outsiders. Of these kulin villages only six are in the Kaira District, and only two in the A'nand Táluka. Now a kulin boy is a source of wealth to his parents, because he may marry either a kulin or a nonkulin girl, getting in either case a dowry which if the girl is a non-kulin will be enormous. And on the other hand a kulin girl is an expensive nuisance to her parents if they are poor, For she must marry; she must marry a kulin : and she must have a dowry which will only be small if her husband is very old or objectionable. Hence a poverty-stricken kulin couple who have a large family of daughters are at their wit's ends to get their daughters married. It is sometimes said that under such circumstances the mother is apt to neglect to nourish a female baby, which consequently dies soon after birth. As a check ta ihis sort of female infanticide, the efforts of a former Collector of Kaira, Mr. G. F. Sheppard, were directed for many years, in consultation with caste leaders, to в 1582-9
limiting marriage expenses of certain kinds, especially as regards a girl's dowry and, as the result thereof, it was made a criminal offence to spend more than a specified sum. I do not desire here to discuss the practical effect of this sumptaary law, or its expediency, or the possibility of evading it by private arrangements ; but I may say that offenders are occasionally tried and punished in the Courts of our Magistrates, and I am not at present inclined to think that we can go any further.
4. A non-kulin has ordinarily no motive for female infanticide, for he ordinarily sells his daughter to her husband and she is therefore a source of wealth. Among the non-kulins it is the son that is an expensive luxury, for a wife has to be bought far him. But bath the wealthy and the very poor non-kulin have troubles. The former has to buy wives for his sons: and as he, being wealthy, probably aspires to the honour of marrying his daughters to kulins, he has to give them dowries instead of getting money for them, as he would do if he married them to non-kulins: hence he finds both sons and daughters expensive luxuries. The other hard case is that of the poor non-kulin who cannot afford to buy wives for his sons, who therefore remain bachelors either for ever or until they can afford to buy wives for themselves.
5. As already observed there are various complications due, for example, to the existence of three classes of kulin villages, to social grades in each class and to there being also various "ekaras" (marriage groups) of villages among nonkulins. But the general idea is pretty distinct. In the first place the man who has social rank with or without money can get a wife with money. In the second place a man without social rank can get a wife if he has money, and pays for her. In the third place the man who has neither social rank nor money must remain a bachelor until he can procure money. This latter is the only case to which Mr. Fernandez's remarks about bachelors seem to apply. It is not a rare case in other parts of the world. It need cause no astonishment. And however much Revenue officers may give it the earnest attention which Mr. Fernandez demands from them, a practical administrator will not ordinarily expect to materially improve matters by interfering.

## Part II.

## General Remarks on the Revision Settlement.

6. A'nand is the fourth Kaira táluka for which Mr. Fernandez has submitted̉ revision settlement proposals. His proposals for Mátar, Mehmadabad and Nadiàd in succession have been critically reviewed, both in detail and as regards general principles, by several officers from various points of view : and the result is that we have now obtained a pretty clear standard of rating for our general guidance in settling the remaining talukas. The A'nand settlement is therefore in some ways simpler than that of any of its predecessors. Nevertheless there is an important difficulty. It arises from the fact that at the time of "original" settlement, prices of staple produce were higher than they are to-day. Seeing that Government generally justify an increase of revenue at revision by pointing to a rise of prices, this fall of prices seems at first sight to afford an argument to an adverse critic of the present proposals for increase of assessment. The argument that, on account of this actual fall, price history cannot justify an increase of revenue, is so obvious and so apparently powerful that, though I shall perhaps be able to prove it to be unsound, $I$ think it ought to be carefully borne in mind and weighed against the arguments to the contrary. No advantage can be gained by avoiding, as Mr. Fernandez has done, this obviously serious difficulty. It should be faced and treated indeed as one of the principal features of the revision settlement of A'nand.
7. I have discussed at some length the history of prices in my reviews of

* We may conveniently take the prices given in the Gazetteer. It is more satisfactory than to attempt to now find out prices at various local markets at a distant period in the past.
the Mehmadabad and Nadiád reports, but a little repetition of leading points may be useful. In the early fifties, prices* in the Kaira District, and indeed in Gujarát generally, were extraordinarily low for the staple crops-rice and bájri. But in the late fifties there was a change. Prices rose and continued to rise steadily till 1862 inclusive. In the following year
there was a further change, namely from a steady rise to a big and sudden rise; and 1863 has been termed by me the "jump" year. In the following year there was another "jump." Subsequently there was a fall; and prices have never since been as high as in 1864 or even as in 1863. In view of this strange history I have held that it is improper to assume, as Mr. Fernandez does, that, by taking an average of the prices of an arbitrary number of years preceding an original settlement, we can fairly estimate the "price basis" of that settlement. For if snch a course were permissible, we might, by omitting years of high prices or by including a sufficient number of years of low prices, deduce as low a price basis as we chose, or, on the other hand, by including the years of high prices and taking a few only of the low price years, we might obtain as our price basis some very high figures. This expedient of striking an average is not suited to cases of extraordinary variations ; and on the present occasion a patient and intelligent study of settlement reports is the only course available if we desire to ascertain whether the original survey settlement was based on prices higher or lower than those now ruling.

8. At the Mátar settlement of 1862, the first in the Kaira District, attention was paid to prices, which had been rising steadily; and, as I have elsewhere shown, the rates appear to have been framed on the highest price basis then available to Settlement officers, viz. the prices of 1862. For the Mahudha settlement, which followed that of Mátar which it adjoined, proposals were framed while the Mátar rates were in an experimental stage, before final submission for sanction; and hence we find that the Mahudha rates agreed with those of Mátar. But when the Nadiád Táluka, which adjoined both Mahudha and Mátar, was reported on (in 1865) prices, after the two "jump years" mentioned by me above, had got to the highest pitch they ever reached, and the existence of these enormous prices was fully recognized by the Settlement officers. But these prices did not greatly affect the rates. This is clear. It is proved by inspection of the rates actually imposed. Inasmuch as prices, when the Nadiad rates were framed, were more than twice as high as when the Mátar rates were framed. it follows that if existing prices had been the price basis of the Nadiád rates, those rates should have enormously exceeded those of Mátar. But actual comparison of the rates imposed in Nadiád with the rates assigned to adjoining villages in Mátar (and Mahudha also) shows that though the pitch of the former was higher than that of the latter, the difference (e. g. between Rs. 4-8-0 and Rs. 5-4-0) was by no means great, And though this difference, such as it was, was I think partly due to the influence of high prices on the Settlement officer's mind, it is not hard to infer that he would in any case, even if there had been no rise of prices, have probably adopted for other reasons a somewhat higher pitch of assessment for Nadiád than for Mátar and Mahudha. For he would have attached more weight than is done now-a-days to the skill of the Pátidár cultivator of the Charotar country and would also have been guided by the construction of the new railway, the propinquity of Nadiad City and the high assessment previously paid in the Nadiad Táluka. And I may here observe a fact, which the study of the old settlement reports has recently forced on my notice, that the high pitch of assessment for the old Nádiad Táluka was not maintained throughout the táluka; it only extended to the villages within easy reach of Nadiad city, while the more distant villages were treated, some as leniently, and others almost as leniently, as villages in Mátar and Mahudha with no greater advantages of situation. This fact is of some importance in considering the actual price basis of the settlement of old Nadiad, and it will be found instructive to compare the numerous Charotar villages now in Anand but formerly in " old " Nadiád, to which a rate of Rs. 4-8-0 was assigned in 1865, with the numerous villages of Mátar to which rates of Rs. 4-8-0 or Ris. 4-4-0 were given in 1862. As regards Mahudba also a similar comparison can advantageously be made. On the whole it seems pretty clear that the rates imposed in "old" Nadiád could have been justified in many villages by the actual prices of 1862, and in the others by prices not very much higher. For a further discussion of some features of the price history in its bearing on the Nadiád settlement, I may refer you to my recent review of the Nadiad settlement report. The matter is worth close attention, for Captain Prescott's references to high prices are so pronounced that we might easily jump to the conclusion that his Nadiad rates were based on those prices, and it is somewhat astonishing to find, on probing deeply into details, that in numerous villages he imposed
rates no higher or little higher than he had three years previously imposed in equally good villages when prices were only half as high. In my review of theNadiád report, accepting a previous argument that in Mátar the rise of prices since 1862 justified an increase of assessment by from 15 to 20 per cent., I came to the conclusion that in the case of Nadiad also price history justified an increase, but that the increase should not be more than from 10 to 15 per cent. and probably nearer 10 than 15. This conclusion I still believe to be sufficiently sound for practical guidance; but in view of the fact now brought to notice that in many excellent villages the pitch of assessment was no higher than could have been justified by 1862 prices, I think that, if at all, I erred on the side of moderation.
9. The northern half of the Anand Táluka, with a few exceptions, consists of villages which at the time of original settlement belonged to the "old" Nadiád Táluka and indeed comprised the greater part thereof, while the southern half, traversed by the B. B. \& C. I. Railway which cuts it into two halves, used to belong to the taluka of Borsad as originally constituted. The conclusion in my last paragraph applies, therefore, to the northern half of Anand. And that it also applies to the southern villages will be apparent when it is observed that at the time of the Borsad original settlement the Settlement officer made no reference to prices but openly and unhesitatingly based his rates on the rates which had recently been applied to Nadiad. I conclude, therefore, that as regards the Anand Táluka generally, the history of prices alone justifies us in increasing revenue by from 10 to 15 per cent. This conclusion is very different on the one hand from that arrived at by Mr. Fernandez, and on the other hand from the conclusion (in favour of which an at first sight plausible argument might be adduced-vide paragraph 6 above) that price history does not justify any increase whatever.
10. But there are other very clear justifications, besides rise of prices, for increase of assessment at revision. I may conveniently quote here a few sentences from my recent review of the Nadiád revision settlement report :-
"Another sound justification for increase of the total taluka revenue at revision is somewhat similar to the above. I may call it "Removal of temporary disadvantages." Here again I can best make my meaning clear by an example. Suppose at original settlement two villages $A$ and $B$ are on an equal footing in all respects, except that $A$ has a clear road to a market, and B has an unfordable river between it and its market. This disadrantage of B would probably lead, at original settlement, to the assessment rate for B being less than that for A. But again suppose that, during the currency of the settlement $A_{A}$ a bridge is built over the previously unfordable river : so that $\mathbf{B}$ is just as well off as $\mathbf{A}$. Then clearly it will be reasonable at revision to impose in B a higher rate, and the same rate as is applied to A. And so far as increase of rates in all villages of the B kind results in there being an increment of land revenue in the whole talluka under revision, $I_{\text {submit }}$ there is sound justification for that increment, entirely apart from any rise of prices."
11. The principle of this argument applies very clearly to the Ánand Tâluka. The special feature of change, since original settlement, has been the formation of the branch railway which starts from Anand junction, runs through Godhra to Rutlam, and has railway stations at Bhalaj and Umreth in the Ánand Táluką. Now Umreth is the second most important market in the Kaira District, and in many respects the second most important town. Propinquity to Umreth is now-a-days almost as important as propinquity to Nadiád, and perhaps more important than propinquity to Ánand. But in the absence of this branch railway the case was very different, and a reference to the original settlement report for (old) Nadiád will show that the "grouping of the villages was arranged on consideration of their distance from Nadiad and Anand railway stations, especially the former. A village, for example, which if it had been situated within easy distance of such a market would have had a rate of (say) Rs. $5-8-0$ or Rs, $5=4-0$, was actually rated at (say) Rs. $4-80$. Or in other words a virtual remission of 12 annas or Re. 1 was granted during the currency of the settlement, in consideration of a certain temporary disadvantage. Now, however, the construction of the railway has removed the disadvantage; and it is, therefore, reasonable that the (virtual) remission, hitherto granted on account of that disadvantage, should cease; and that villages within easy reach of Umreth should be treated less favourably than when railway stations were far removed from them. And, so far as the raising of such villages in various parts of the
taluka to groups from which they were originally excluded owing to the absence of the railway effects an increase in the total assessment of the taluka, such increase appears to be proper.

## The railway to Petlád affects very few villages of Ánand.

12. The conclusions in paragraphs 9 and 11 probably, are sufficient to justify the increase of revenue now proposed; and that the Ánand Táluka as a whole does not stand in need of specially lenient treatment, is indicated amongst other things by the high sale and letting value of land, of which I have collected abundant proof. The taluka has almost every advantage-excellent cart tracks, three railways, seven railway stations, two markets of the first importance and other minor ones, compact shape, fine climate, revenue collected in full and with punctuality and ease. Almost the whole taluka is comprised in the famed Charotar country. On the whole, there seems to be no reason why the same principles and rating that have been applied to the adjoining Charotar country of (present) Nadiád should not be applied to Anand. In other words a maximum dry-crop rate of R3. 5-12-0, and a maximum water-rate of Rs. 4 should be applied. And it will be found that this is the general result of Mr. Fernandez's proposals as modified by myself in the following paragraphs, though exceptional cases have to be met by exceptional treatment. It will be found that Mr. Fernandez proposes an increase for the Borsad villages of 18 per cent. as compared with a percentage increase 20.7 for the whole taluka. My proposals will effect some decrease in the former, and a decrease in five of the latter, counterbalanced, lowever, by an increase in the important villages of Od and Umreth.

## $P_{\text {art }}$ III.

## Details of the Settlement.

13. 'I now proceed to consider details, and in the first place I shall deal with dry-crop rates. On the whole, the "grouping" of Mr. Fernandez is very good : for though at first sight the villages in his third group (at Rs. 5) seem to be fit for inclusion in the second group (at Rs. 5-12-0), it appears that their inclusion would effect a greater increase of assessment in many comparatively poor villages than is desirable, and I observe that, even with the proposed rate of Rs. 5 , the actual increase for the 15 villages (onitting Od and Umreth) is 34 per cent., quite as much as under the circumstances I consider proper. I see no reason, however, why the fine village of Od (a municipal town by the way) should be considered deserving of a lower group than Khambolaj or many others, or why the fine village of Umreth (also a municipal town having, as already noted, a railway station and the second best market in the whole district) should not, as a special case, have an equally high rate. I observe that these are the only villages in Mr. Fernandez's third group in which the proposed increases ( 9.96 and 10.98 per cent. respectively) can be called small; and I can unhesitatingly recommend that they should each have a rate of Rs. 5-12. As the revenues of these two villages combined are some 42 per cent. of the entire revenue of Mr. Fernandez's third group, the changes I propose will, to an appreciable extent, affect the total revenue of the taluka. The increase, however, will be balanced by the decrease which I shall propose in the following paragraphs.
14. I see no reason why Chikhodra should be placed in the first group with the enormous rate of Rs. $6-8 \cdot 0$, the highest rate ever yet proposed, except for Nadiad city which is similarly treated. The other two villages in the group, Anand and Gamri, can perhaps stand this rate (though I should have preferred Rs. 6), seeing that even without the reduction of water-rate which I shall suggest hereafter, the total proposed increase of revenue is only 16.3 and $10 \cdot 1$ respectively. But, if so, it can only be on the ground that Anand is a rising town with a Mámlatdár's station, a market and a "junction " railway station, and Gamri can hardly be separated from Ánand. Chikhodra does not in my opinion deserve such exceptional treatment any more than 5 or 6 other villages which skirt Anand and Gamri, and, inasmuch as the proposed rate will give an increase of 30 per cent. in'the revenue of Chikhodra as compared with the 16 and 10 for Anand and Gamri respectively, I think Chikhodra should be omitted,

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from the first group and included in the second. Mr. Fernandez has indeed the excuse that in respect of Chikhodra he is only following the grouping ordered by Government contrary to the advice of the Settlement officer thirty years ago. But I am respectfully of opinion (and I know this táluka and these villages well) that the Settlement officer was right and Government were mistaken, misled possibly by a small scale map, which did not perhaps give enough prominence to the fact that the A'nand market is half a mile to the south of railway station, and that for the purpose of communicating therewith Chikhodra is in no better a position than Hadgud, Jhitodia, Vaghashi, and perhaps Lambhvel and Navli.

15. In the second and third groups I propose no change, except that, as already indicated, I would transfer Umreth and Od from the third to the second, and Chikhodra from the first to the second. But the fourth group I should like to divide into two groups; for though the Rs. 4-4-0 rate is clearly suited to several villages, it seems too high for the
(1) Khakanpur 28.39 per cent. increase.
(2) Sureli ... $42 \cdot 53$ do.
(3) Dhuleta $\ldots 478$ do.
(4) Sandalpur 60.79 do.
(5) Khanpur.... 51.4 do. five noted in the margin. These were accorded special treatment and the low rate of Rs. 3-8-0 at original settlement, and I think still deserve special treatment. It is hard to explain in a brief report all the special disadvantages of the villages in the north-east corner of the Táluka (where all these villages except Khanpur are found) on or near the Mahi river and in a tract, which together with some adjoining villages of Thásra is locally known as the "hill" country. But these disadrantages are recognized, and include amongst other things the facts that the land is cut up by ravines of the Mahi, water is only found at a great depth, and land has little saleable value. There is also the fact that the cultivators are Dharalas or Pathán Mahomedans; and though weight is not now-a-days attached for the purposes of assessment to this fact by itself, yet it may usefully be remembered here that the class or caste of the inhabitants of the cluster of villages is the result of (and to some extent the proof of) their disadvantages of situation and condition. I think on the whole that $a$ rate of Rs. 3-12-0, which is higher than that accepted for the Malia villages in the north-east of Nadiád, is quite high enough for this cluster of four villages. In view also of its disadvantageous situation to which, as usual, insufficient prominence is given in the small scale map, I should like the same treatment accorded to Khanpur which was specially treated at original settlement, and in which I observe that the application of Mr. Fernandez's proposed rate would effect an increase of revenue by no less than $51 \cdot 4$ per cent.
16. The only other modification I desire to propose relates to the water rates for rice land. In my Nadiád review, I remarked that Rs. 4t per acre were as high a water-rate as could properly be imposed anywhere in the Kaira District, except perhaps in places possessing quite exceptional water advantages. This is really a very high rate, considering that the soil of rice land is separately assessed on its own merits and the water-rate is an additional. charge. Charotar villages are so celebrated for their dry crop, that though the substitution of rice for dry crop is profitable, I doubt if it is so extraordinarily profitable as to justify the imposition of a heavy extra tax; and Rs. 4 as a maximum (which, seeing that the classing scale runs up to 24 annas, means Rs. 6 as a possible rate) is as high as I think should be imposed anywhere in the Charotar. The Survey and Settlement Commissioner has not definitely accepted my view, but has acted upon it. I find that in the case of Nadiad he reduced Mr. Fernandez's proposed rates to Rs. 4 as recommended by me, in all villages, 'except those comprised in the Nadiád city lands, which he rated at Rs. 4-8-0. This is sufficient for my present purposes, for it can never be urged that the A'nand Táluka should have higher water-rates than the best villages of Nadiad; and it therefore follows that Mr. Fernandez's rates of Rs. 5 and Rs. 4-8-0, for his first and second groups respectively, must be reduced. The latter should be lowered to Rs. 4 , and the former, if it cannot also be reduced to Rs. 4 , should at least be brought down to Rs. 4-8-0-the rate recommended by the Honourable Mr. Ozanne for the lands of Nadiad city. These proposed rates are indeed lower than those now in force, but it will probably be admitted to be as reasonable at revision
settlement to reduce rates which are too high as to increase rates which are too low, and the former course has in many cases been unhesitatingly recommended at recent settlements. Mr. Fernandez has in his 56th paragraph pointed out a mistake of mine. I am sorry to say that, till I recently undertook the jamábandi settlements of the revised tálukas in this district, I was in ignorance of the practice in the Gujarát Survey of imposing water-rates on new rice lands. I believe this practice is scarcely sound, but I perhaps cannot criticise it with advantage at the present late stage in Gujarát settlement history.
> have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient Servant,
> J. DeC. ATKINS,

> Collector of Kaira.

Through the Survey and Settlement Commissioner.

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\text { No. S.-414 of } 1895 .
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From

> The SURVEY COMMISSIONER and DIREOTOR, LAND RECORDS and AGRICULTURE;

To
The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT,
Revenue Department.
Poona, 16th February 1895.
Sir,
I have the honour to pass on the proposals for a revision of rates in táluka A'nand with the following comments.
2. From Appendix $Q^{2}$ it may be calculated that 39 per cent. of the area has been assessed for subsoil water advantage in the first two groups. The percentage falls to 17 per cent. in the 3rd group and to 6 - per cent. in the 4th. In this last group only two villages in the north-east corner of the táluka have been adjudged liable to the assessment. The remainder of the 4th group is made up chiefly of villages near the Mahi where the depth to water is very great. The result of the assessment then for subsoil water advantage appears fully justified by the conditions of the táluka. Mr. Fernandez has failed to explain why column 14 of Appendix $Q$ has been left blank for villages which belonged to old Borsad. The explanation is that given in paragraph 73 of Major Prescott's report No. 500-A of 13th October 1867, Appendix R in the Borsad revision report. The explanation is that a change in the system of distribution of the old bágáyat kasar was made when Borsad was settled. In that táluka for the first time the kasar was distributed over all the numbers which were found to have a right to irrigation from the well assessed, and the assessment on account of water is included in the substantive assessment of the number concerned. In the villages which belonged to Borsad, therefore, the greater portion of the bágáyat kasar is included in column 13. Mr. Fernandez should have made this plain in his report, for it is one of the principal reasons why in some villages the percentage increase shown in column 33 of Appendix $\mathbf{Q}$ is strikingly low in comparison with that of others, the direct assessment on wells having been struck off with the institution of the subsoil water assessment system. .
3. In Appendix $Q^{1}$ Mr. Fernandez wrongly shewed Chikhodra* (No. 3 of Group I) as formerly belonging to Borsad instead of to Nadiád.

[^14]4. The stationary condition of the population shows that the taluka is congested and that there is no room for increase, hut as there is a proved decrease among Leva Kanbis, there is a corresponding increase in other castes in strict accordance with the Malthusian doctrine. The Leva Kanbis are the best cultivators in the táluka and under the modified "caste bighoti" system of the original settlement which cannot be altogether disregarded even now, an increase of inferior cultivators with a-decrease of better men cannot be regarded as irrelevant in the question of settlement.
5. The Collector has accepted Mr. 'Fernandez's proposed grouping and rating with certain exceptions which I shall discuss separately. He has admitted fully that the pitch of revision assessment must be guided by the standard fixed in the revision settlements already sanctioned, as it was guided at the time of the original settlement. The question of prices then need not be examined.
6. Mr. Atkins desires to transfer Chikhodra (No. 3 of Appendix Q) to the second group and to raise Nos. 46 (Umreth) and 52 (Od) from Group III to Group II., and lastly to form Nos. 54 to 57 and 60 into a separate Group to be rated at Rs. 3-12. Further he recommends that the water maximum for rice land should be reduced as follows:-

Group I from Rs. 5 to Rs. $4-8$ at least, II from Rs. $4-8$ to Rs. 4. Inferentially his recommendation extends to a proportionate reduction in the lower groups.
7. As to Chikhodra I agree with Mr. Atkins for the reasons given by him and think that Mr. Fernandez left it in the same group with A'nand on the supposition that it had been grouped with Anand as part of the old Borsad Taluka. I also think that Od (No. 52) should be raised to Group II which it adjoins and with the villages of which it was rated at the old settlement. I cannot however agree as regards Umreth. If Umreth is raised to Group II, all or very many of the villages now rated with Umreth should also be raised. When the time comes for making the additions and reductions on account of distance from the village site under the principles of the Joint Rules, the large population of Umreth and its position as a market town will cause an increase in its actual rating which will sufficiently allow for its exceptional facilities without modifying its grouping. The small increase shown in Appendix $Q$ for Umreth is due to its non-liability to any subsoil water assessment, whereas at the old settlement no less than Rs. 89:3 were charged for direct well irrigation, which the revision shows was practically entirely a tax on private capital.
8. I do not approve of the formation of an additional group to include the villages which Mr. Atkins recommends for special consideration. They were all formerly in old Nadiád and were rated irregularly. Mr. Atkins' plan would unfairly affect No. 59 (Sili) lying between Khánpur and the other Mahi villages. Mr. Fernandez has already given full consideration I think to the disadvantages under which these villages labour. None of them are assessed to subsoil water, and the lowering of the rice water maximum which I am about to recommend will, I think, sufficiently meet their special necessities. As to the rice water maximum Mr. Fernandez has not fully followed the general principle proposed by me in my Mehmadabad report. Under those principles the water maximum should be Rs. 4-8, 4, 3-8, and 2-8 for each of the four groups respectively instead of 8 annas higher in each group; for, as Mr. Atkins says, there is nothing in the conditions of A'nand which would justify a proportionately higher water rate than in Nadiád, and I recommend therefore that Mr. Fernandez's rates be reduced as now suggested.
9. Referring to Mr. Atkins' concluding remarks, I fear that he does not yet quite understand how new rice is dealt with in the Gujarat Survey. There is no water rate on new rice land unless it is irrigated from a Government tank, in which case it is subject under the ordinary rules to tank himayat or charge for tank assistance. It is otherwise treated preoisely as ordinary dry-crop except that a position class as part of the soil assessment is added under the.rules for natural facilities for conversion into rice. The averages struck below each group to show the acre incidence of assessment on dry ecrop and rice (old and
new) indicate that the incidence on new rice lies between that of dry-crop and old rice. But the reductions in the rice water maximum now recommended will lower the incidence on both old and new rice.

Mr. Fernandez has not commented as required by standing orders on the high increase in No. 37 (Vansol), but the reasons may be gathered from the figures shown. It lies between villages assessed at the old survey at Rs. 4-8 and 5 , but was assessed at the very low rate of Rs. 3-8. It is evidently favourably situated for well irrigation, in that nearly the whole area has been assessed for subsoil water.

Lastly, a considerable area has been made into rice from dry-crop since the original survey, and is, therefore, liable to the small increment due to position class on such area. The Iowering of the water rate will go some way to reduce the high enhancement as also will the ordinary concessions made in the case of large enhancements on individual numbers. As the Collector has not noticed this village, I presume that he thought special treatment unnecessary.

> I have, \&c.,
> E. C. OZANNE,
> Survey Commissioner and Director, Land
> Records and Agriculture.

Through the Commissioner, N. D.
. 784 of 1895.

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2. The revision survey proposals of the Anand Táluka follow so closely on those for Nadiád, Mátar and Mehmadabad, and there is so much in common with the circumstances of the first of these three talukas, that there is little or nothing to add to the remarks that have already been made on the former proposals.
3. The revenue history of the táluka shows that all available land is now under cultivation, and also that (except for the villages of the old Borsad Táluka) the assessment now levied on an increased area is still less than before the last survey. The natural advantages of the soil have been fairly described in Mr. Fernandez's report. The increase in mílch cattle is considerable, and as stated in paragraph 25 they are a source of increased profit, The decrease in plough cattle taken in connection with a small increase in ploughs is remarkable. Mr. Fernandez's explanation in paragraph 24 may be the true one. But there can be no dispute about the advantage of the increase in wells and tanks, and the Collector agrees in the testimony borne by the record of sales and mortgages to the high value of land when compared with the assessment.
4. In the matter of communications the taluka is probably unequalled by any in the Presidency, and the benefits of the last extension to Rutlám are only beginning to be felt.
5. On all these points Mr, Atkins, whose opinion is very valuable, agrees with the remarks of the Deputy Superintendent. On one point only is there a difference of view, and that is in connection with the important question whether there has or has not been a considerable rise of prices. Mr. Atkins has given very good reasons for his conclusion, that the rate of rise in prices, given in Mr. Fernandez's paragraph 39, is too high. He then proceeds, after laying down the proposition that "the point is whether the original settlement was based on prices higher or lower than those now ruling," to examine the circumstances of the four old taluka settlements, and his conclusion seems a fair one that on this ground alone an increase of assessment by 10 to 15 per cent. is well justified. When in addition to this we consider the new markets and improvements in communication, there is no objection to the general increase recommended by the Deputy Superintendent.
6. As to grouping and rates, at first sight the Deputy Superintendent's arrangement seems rather capricious as there are no very good reasons why the B 1582-11
villages in the 3rd group should, since the making of the new railway, be more favourably treated than those in the second, and Umreth is a very important market. But on further consideration it appears that the present grouping was almost a necessity to avoid a sudden rise in the maximum rates, which would have been the result of putting Classes II and III under the same rates. Even as it is, sudden rises have not been avoided, see e. g., the villages of Khánkuva No. 24, and Tarpura No. 27, raised from Rs. 4-8-0 to Rs. 5-12-0 and a consequent percentage increase of 47.71 and $52 \cdot 96$, and again Vansol No. 37, dealt with in paragraph 9 of Mr . Ozanne's report.
7. It will be seen that Mr. Ozanne agrees with the changes recommended by the Collector on the following points :-
8. Chikodra to be in Class 2 instead of Class 1 ;
9. Od to be raised to Class 2 ;
10. The water-rate to be lowered hy eight annas in each class to Rs. 4-9, 4, 3.8 and 2-8;
but that he does not wish to raise Umreth to Class 2, see his paragraph 7. It would certainly appear that this important market town gets off very lightly, though the Survey Commissioner expects that this inequality will be reached bythe working of the distance from village rules, but it is difficult to understand how these rules will reduce the inequality, unless they are to be worked in Umreth differ ently from other places.
11. Neither does he agree to the formation of a fifth group for the villages Nos. 54 to 57 and 60 with a maximum dry-crop rate of Rs. 3-12.0. The map accompanying the settlement report is on too small a scale to show the ravines, but a glance at sheet No. 28 of the Gujarát Trigonometrical Survey map shows that in Khankhanpur the land rises into small hills, and that Sundálpur and Khánpur are much cut up by ravines. The same may be said of the eastern portion of No. 59 Sili, but the greater part of this large village consists of level ground. Sureli and Dhuleta appear also to be level ground not cut up by ravines. On the whole the undersigned considers that there is much to be said for the Collector's proposal.
12. It is difficult to follow Mr. Ozanne's argument at the end of his paragraph 2. He clearly explains why the well assessment in the old Borsád villages is to be found under column 13 , instead of column 14 of Appendix $Q$; but as this assessment in whatever column it may be found is inoluded in the total assessment column 16, and is compared with that in column 31, it is not understood how the percentage increase is affected.
13. With reference to Mr. Fernandez's remarks in paragraphs 11 and 22, the following remarks, in Lieutenant-Colonel Prescott's original settlement report of the Nadiád Táluka, occur :-
"I have shown that amongst the whole population of Nadiad, the proportion of women Proportion of women to men. to men is 44 to 56 , but amongst the purely agricultural population the proportion is much less. Amongst the 'Patidárs' and 'Kunbis,' the most peaceful and contented of all castes, there are only 41 women to 59 men. Amongst the Kolis there are 47 women to 53 men.
"Pride of caste and position prevent the Pátidárs giving their daughters in marriage to any who can possibly be considered inferior in position. I am given to understand that all the narva and patidári villages in Kaira have an anna value put upon them indicative of the social status of the community. All Pátidárs and Kunbis are, therefore, striving constantly to marry their daughters into the most aristocratic villages, regardless of the age of aspiring bridegrooms. This practice is not in itself favourable to the increase of the population, and it is to be feared leads indirectly to female infanticide; for when the marriage of daughters is attended with so many difficulties, and such ridiculous pride and fear of reproach takes possession of parents, it is no wonder they are led away by fanaticism-it can be called nothing else-and take lessons from their Rajput neighbours."
This shows that the decrease now pointed out has been going on for a long time. The matter is certainly one of importance to the agricultural prosperity of the district, but this is hardly the place to discuss the matter further.

G. B. REID,<br>Commissioner, N. D.

# Revenue Survey and Assessment: Revision Settlement of the A'nand Táluka of the Kaira District. 

No. 3494 of 1895.

## Revenue Department.

Bombay Castle, 9th May 1895,

Letter from the Deputy Superintendent, Gujarat Revenue Survey, No. 178, dated 6 th December 1894. Letter from the Collector of Kaira, No. 436, dated 8th February 1895.
Letter from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, No. S-414, dated
16th February 1895. 16th February 1895.

Memorandum from the Commis-
sioner, N. D. No 784, dated 5th March 1895-Submitting, with his remarks, the papers noted in the margin, containing proposals for the introduction of a revision settlement into the A'nand Taluka of the Kaira District.

Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 1558, dated 27th April 1895-Forwarding one No. S-969, dated 16th idem, together with a letter No. 1129, dated 5th idem, from the Collector of Kaira, who submits petitions of objection against the revision of rates proposed for the A'nand Taluka of the Kaira District.
Resolution. - These papers contain proposals for the revision settlement of 66 villages of the A'nand Táluka of the Kaira District. The táluka was formed in 1867 of 36 villages transferred from Nadiád, of 19 from Borsad, of 6 from Thásra and of 5 from Mahudha, four talukas of which the original settlements, though sanctioned at different periods between 1863 and 1867, expired simultaneously in 1891-92. Revision survey operations were conducted on the same lines as in the tálukas previously brought under revision settlement. The old measurement was accepted and brought up to date, and the classification was carried out as far as possible on the partial system, except in the village of Navli, where the loss of certain papers made it necessary to do the whole work afresh. As in Nadiád the most noticeable feature disclosed by the survey has been the large increase in the area of rice land.
2. The account given of the progress of the taluka during the currency of the present settlement is extremely satisfactory. Cultivation has extended and absorbed the small area of waste land remaining; and the assessment, which was framed on such a moderate scale that in two-thirds of the taluka, it is less than that imposed previous to the introduction of the settlement, has been collected in full with little or no serious pressure. Communications have been greatly improved by the opening of through railway communication with Káthiáwár, Rájputána and Central India, and this has proved an important factor in the prosperity of the táluka by increasing the demand for its staple products-rice and tobacco-to a very considerable extent. The statistics of population and material wealth resemble in their main features those already given for Nadiád. Population has remained more or less stationary-a result mainly attributable, as remarked in the review of the Nadiad Report, to the restrictive marriage customs of the Pátidárs-and there is a decline in the number of agricultural cattle, horses, sheep and goats, for which the reduction in the area of grazing land is no doubt mainly responsible. On the other hand there is an increase in the number of wells and milch cattle, due to the larger trade in tobacco and dairy produce, which the railway facilities have called into existence. The value of land is high and although, as the Collector points out, the general course of prices has not been upward to the extent indicated by the figures given by Mr. Fernandez, it of itself justifies an increase of at least 10 to 15 per cent. On the whole, therefore, having regard to the fact that the pitch of the rates now proposed approximates very closely to that sanctioned in the tálukas already brought under revision settlement, there can be no doubt that the moderate enhancement which they involve is fully justified.
3. The Deputy Superintendent proposes to divide the tâluka into four groups graduated with reference to fertility of soil and advantages of position, with dry-crop rates of Rs. 6-8, 5-12, 5-0 and 4-4. The first group consists of A'nand and 2 villages near it, the second of 33 villages lying in the prosimity
of the main railway line of the Petlad and the southern half of the Godhra branches, the third of 17 villages situated near the northern half of the Godhra branch and the fourth of 13 villages on the east and south-east borders of the taluka. For water-rates he proposes a scale of Rs. 5-0, 4-8, 4-0 and 3-0. The grouping and soil rates are accepted in the main by the various officers through whom the papers have passed; but the Collector suggests that the following modifications are necessary :-
(i) Transfer of Chikodhra from the 1st to the 2 nd group, on the ground that its advantages are not sufficient to justify its inclusion in the same group with Anand.
(ii) Transfer of Umreth and Od from the 3rd to the 2nd group, on the ground that they are municipal towns with large markets.

(iii) Creation of a fifth group with a soil rate of Rs. 3-12 for the 5 villages marginally noted, which are unfarourably situ| Sureli. | Khakhanpur. ated on the banks of the Máhi and in which the in- |
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| Dhuleta. | Khapur. | Dhaleta. Kundalpur. $\quad$ crement enterited by the rate of Rs. $4-4$ proposed is unduły high,

4. As regards Chikodhra and Od, the Collector's suggestions are accepted by the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture and the Commissioner, N. D., and should be adopted; in the case of Umreth, however, the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture opposes any increase in the rate on the ground that it would be inequitable to treat Umreth differently from the villages that surround it, and that the working of the "distance from village" rules will raise the rating to a pitch sufficiently high to compensate for the advantages which the place possesses as a populous market town. Government, however, co not consider that this argument can be accepted. As a commeroial centre Umreth is the most important place in the táluka, and its position from the point of view of communioations is but little inferior to that of Anand. Having regard, therefore, to the fact that the latter place with one other village is assessed at the very high rate of Rs, 6-8 there cannot be any injustice in subjecting Umreth to a rate of Rs. 5-12. His Excellency the Governor in Council is accordingly pleased to direct that this should be done.

As regards the Collector's proposal to create a 5th group, Mr, Ozanne points out that the high percentage enhancement in these villages is the unavoidable result of the exceptional leniency with which they were treated at the original survey and that a reduction of the rate in their case would unfairly affect Sili which lies between them; he adds that the reduction of the water-rate which he has proposed will make sufficient allowance for their peculiar disadvantages. It is clear, however, from the figures given in Appendix $Q$ that the major part of the increase in these villages is in the assessment of the dryycrop lands and that the raising or lowering of the water-rate would really have but very little effect. On the whole, con, sidering the disadvantages of position under which these villages suffer, and the very high increment which the adoption of the Deputy Superintendent's rates would entail, His Excellency the Governor in Caunoil is of opinion that the Collector's suggestion should be adopted and that the villages should be placed in a separate group with a dry-crop rate of Rs. 3-12. As regards water, rates, the Collector's suggestion, which is supported by the Survey Commis, sioner and Directar of Land Records and Agriculture, that they should be assimilated to those already sanctioned for Nadiád and fixed at Rs. 4=8, R.s. 4=0 Rs. 3-8 and Rus. 2-8, is approved, For the new fifth group the rate shauld be Rs. 2-8.
5. The proposals submitted by Mr. Fernandez result in a percentage enhancement of $20^{\circ} 76$, which the lowering of the watersrate and the creation of a fifth group will, in all probability, considerably reduce. Having regard to the circumstances of the taluka, the moderate increase proposed appears to be fully justified. The petitions of objections received against-the proposed rates do not disclose any valid grounds for withholding sanction to them. With the
modifications above directed the rates proposed should accordingly be introduced and guaranteed for 30 years.
6. The Deputy Superintendent's proposals for the rating of the small area
bhátha land are approved. of bhátha land are approved.
G. S. CURTIS,

Under Secretary to Government.
To
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { The Commissioner, N. D., } \\ \text { The Collector of Kaira, } \\ \left.\text { The Survey Commissioner and Director of Land } \begin{array}{l}\text { Records and Agriculture, } \\ \text { The Accountant General, } \\ \text { The Public Works Department of the Secretariat, } \\ \text { The Government of India, } \\ \text { The Secretary of State for India. }\end{array}\right\} \text { By letter }\end{array}\right\} \begin{aligned} & \text { With an intimation that the } \\ & \text { papers are being printed } \\ & \text { in the form of a Govern } \\ & \text { ment Selection and that } \\ & \text { copies of it, when ready, } \\ & \text { will be furnished to them. }\end{aligned}$

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# T. R. FERNANDEZ, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent, Gujarát Revenue Survey; 

 $\Gamma$The COLIECTOR of KAIRA.

> Camp Gandeva, Táluka Chikhli, 28th February 1893.

Sir,
I have the honour to submit through you, for the approval and sanction of Government, proposals for the revision settlement of the Mátar Táluka of your CBllectorate.
2. At the first settlement, which was made in 1862-63, this táluka consisted of 95 Government villages ; but in 1867 a general redistribution of the villages of the Collectorate having been made it is now composed as follows :-

| Original Goverıment villages | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 57 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Transferred from the late Jetalpur Táluka of Ahmedabad | $\ldots$ | 16 |  |  |
| Transferred from Tálaka Dholka | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 1 |
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Besides these 74 Government villages, there are 3 udhád villages, that is, villages having a permanent settlemient, 2 tálukdári villages, 1 leasehold village which will be dealt with by the Tálukdári Settlement Officer, and 2 inámi villages. The total number of villages in the taluka is thus 82 .
3. The survey settlement now current in the táluka was introduced into the original Mátar villages by Captain (now Colonel) Prescott, and into the late Jetálpur and Dhọlka tálukas by Mr: A K̈ogers, late of the Bombay Civil Service.
4. It having been decided to accept the original measurements of the Kaira District as correct, no tests were taken of them. The revision survey was therefore. confined to those survey numbers that contained recognized shares; and those others that were intersected by roads made. since the original survey, or disturbed by the action of ripers. All plots of newly converted rice land were also; measured.
5. The subjoined statement shows the increase in the total number of fields by the revision survey, as also the percentage difference in area between the original and the new survey numbers:-


[^15]6. The "revision classification was also done on the partial system, and comprised-
(1), Revision of the Khári irrigated lands and all ot ot ${ }^{*}$ er rice lands;
(2) Partial re-classification of 6 villages owing to chainges effected by rivers on which they border; and
(3) Partial re-classification of 4 villages, because of the extegnsion of salt.
7. The following statement shows at a glance the comparative figures the old and new surveys:-

| By original survey By revision survey | $\begin{aligned} & \because \cdot \\ & \cdots \cdots \end{aligned}$ | - | Total. | Onarable Waste. | $f, \begin{aligned} & \text { Remaining } \\ & \text { Arable. } \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
|  |  |  | 1,23,691 | 14,359 | 1,09,332 |
|  |  |  | 1,24,134 | 15,334 | 1,08,800 |
|  |  | Increase | 443 | 975 | ...... |
|  |  | Decrease | ..... | ...... | 532 |

These changes are chiefly due to the action of the Sábarmati and the Wátrak:
8. The same data I give below in a more amplified form:-


At the last settlement several hundred survey numbers along the Khári below the last sluice of the irrigation system, in the villages of Chanidra, Chitrásar and Kaloli, were classed as dhekudiat, but the dhekudiat assessment in one of them was remitted in 1874 by Government on its being shown that, owing to the great demand for water in the irrigated villages for a second crop, practically none of it was allowed to pass out into the lower or undammed part of the river. The ârea of these survey numbers has now been brought under the heading of jirait. Another item that has contributed to swell the total jirait area is the abolition of the special well assessment.
:9. The táluka of Mátar is the most western of the talukas of the Kaira District. It is bounded on the north by talluka Daskroi of Ahmedabad and táluka Mehmàdabad of Kaira; on the east by táluka Nadiád and the Gáekwár's territory; on the south by Cambay territory; and on the west by Cambay and táluka Dholka of Ahmedabad. Five villages of the táluka lie detached fron the main body, being separated by the Gáekwar's territory. The population of the Government villages is 71,175 , which, on an area of 194 ,square miles, gives a density of 369 .
10. The whole extent of the talluka is fairly level, but there are two large areas of depression, one in the north and the other about the middle of it, which
receive the drainage, of the higher lying country both outside and inside the. boundary ${ }^{2}$ and "become very malarious during, and after, the raing. The taluka, is generally very fairly wooded, the principal trees being the babibl and the mango.
11. The river Sábarmati skirts the western side of the táluka, and receives the waters of the Khari and the Wátrak, both of which have the last ten or, twelve miles of their course in the táluka. The Shedi runs along the eastern boundary for about 6 miles and then falls into the Wátrak. all these -rivers, more or less, contribute to the wealth of the táluka. Dhekudis are : worked on the banks of the whole of them; but it is the Khári to which belongs "the honour of being the feeder of the most extensive and the most successful system of irrigation in Gujarát.
12. ${ }^{\text {TTh}}$ This system dates from more than a century back; and the following are the "villages which are irrigated by it:-

| 1. Kanera, | 7. Bherai. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 2. Kajipura. | 8. Govindpura. |
| 3. Pinglaj. | 9. Nekka. |
| 4. Pansoli. | 19. Navagá. |
| 5. Dhadhá. | 11. Kathvád. |
| 6. Malárpura. | 12. Chanidra. |

All the above villages are Government, Govindpura excepted, it being inámi. The system consists of ṭ̂e Khári River aud its ramifications, both: uatural and artificial ; and is regulated by a regulator built at the bifurcation near the village of Pinglaj, to equally divide the supply between the Khári and the Kharola channels, and by several dams and sluices conveniently located for delivering water to the several dependent villages. The areas, Government and alienated, irrigated in 1843, the year of the first Kalambandi settleqment, and the other years specified below, were kindly supplied by the Executive Engineer of Ahmedabad:-

|  |  |  |  |  | Acres. |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\ldots$ | 4,041 |
|  | 1843 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 7,335 |
|  | $1859-60$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 8,448 |
|  | $1884-74$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots, 337$ |
|  | $1889-90$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 9,755 |
|  | $1891-92$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 8,565 |

The total income of the last mentioned year from the 11 Government villages, inclusive of land revenue and salámi, is Rs. 41,139 .
13. Within the last 17 years, the system has been much improved in many ways. I will here notice 2 or 3 ot them. In 1875 the Khári, and "in 1883 the Kharola, branches were, below the point of bifurcation at Pinglaj, widened and straightened. In 1877, the course of the Khári above the bifurcation being extraordinarily erratic, a new straight channel from sluice No. 2 in Kanera was cut.
14. The demand on the Khári being of an extensive nature, spread as it is on either side of it along 6 or 7 miles of its course in Mátar, there nsed, before 1843, to be many disagreements between the villagers concerned, which occasionally led to bloodshed. In that year, however, a conference was held to settle the question of distribution by making rules, which should be binding on ${ }^{*}$ every one of the interested parties. The rules then made were perfected subsequently at two meetings, held one in 1853 and the other in 1873, and now everything works harmoniously.
15. Up to the end of September, influenced by the rains, there is, as a rule, an ample supply in the Khári to meet all requirements, and the villagers experience no difficulty in drawing off as much water as they need. With the cessation of the rains, however, the supply becomes considerably reduced; and here comes in the operation of the rules afore-mentioned. They are-now popularly known as the Kalambandi Tharáv. For the months of October and November three váris, or turns, of 20 days each have been devised, and they are sub-divided into.as many fixed perigds of days as there are villages to be, served. These sub-divisions have been made on ta $^{7}$ a consideration of the circumstances of
each village; so that now, in the months named each, village, in its turn, has a right to have the full supply in the main channel that commands it turned on to it. In years of good rainfall this supply is abundant, and the result is a bumper crop of rice, followed by good crops of wheat, barley, or gram; but, in unfavourable years, there is a great deal of grumbling and dissatisfaction, mainly directed against the Engineer authorities, as the fault of the short supply is attributed by the villagers chiefly to the drawing off of water from the Khari during the rains for the feeding of the Chandela system in táluka Daskroi, which has been done since 1881. The Executive Engineer, however, assures me that this take-off never occurs later than about the middleof August, i.e., only during the height of the monsoons, and that it has noinfuence, one way or the other, on the Khari spstem. It merely utilizes the surplus Khári water that otherwise would run to waste in the Sábarmati.
16. In paragraph 9 of my Parántíj Revision Settlement Report No. 852, dated 23rd December 1891, I alluded to the Bokh project, the object of which is to enlarge the Khári supply. In January 1891 Mr. James, then Commissioner, N. D., held a conference at Navágám, one of the Khári irrigation villages, at which were present that officer, Mr. Cooke, Collector of Kaira, Mr. Little, Superintending Engineer, N. D., Mr. Doig, Executive Engineer, Ahmedabad, and myself. The object of the conference was to consider the best means of utilizing the extra volume of water that will be thrown into the Khári if the Bokh project is carried out. The general verdict of the meeting was to. bring the villages now under irrigation, and those that will be brought under it, under Aot VII of 1879. I think there is a voluminous correspondence on this subject, and I deem it necessary to thus allude to it here, because, if Government approve of the recommendations therein made, the revised survey water assessment due to Khari irrigation will have to be excluded from the next 30 years ${ }^{2}$ guarantee.
17. The following statement shows the amount of the rain guaged annually at Mátar Kasba since the year 1877, i.e. the year of the last great famine in Western and Southern India:-


Of the 16 years mentioned in the above statement, the rainfall of 7 of them was below the average. Judging by the rainfall of 1877, the year 1888 was a bad jear. As the drainage of the country on the east of the táluka passes through it into Cambay, and thence into the Gulf, the effects of a bad year in. the low-lying lands are not felt to. the same extent as they otherwise would be.
18. . The extent to which the various kinds of crops are grown is shown in Statistical Table No. III, Appendix A. In the subjoined statement I give, in a summary form, the proportion the area covered by each crop bears to the entire occupied land of the táluka:-

19. It will be seen that rice, baijri and wheat are the staple products of the táluka, and that such inferior grains as kodra aud bávto aré pretty extensively grown. The juvár noted is of the Sundhia species, and is grown for fodder only. Its seed is scattered very thickly to ensure dense growth and consequently thin stalks.
20. From the foregoing account of the crops the nature of the soils of the taluka may be accurately surmised. The rice lands are both of the -1365-b
black and the besar species, the latter being found in the northern half and the former in the southern. These of course occur in the depressions. The higher lying intervening areas grow jovári or bájri according as they are composed of black or hard red soil, or friable red soil. Sugarcane is chiefly grown on the banks of the rivers within command of irrigation by dhekudis or water lifts. Tobacco is chiefly produced in the northeastern part of the taluka where there is loamy red soil of a very fertile nature, similar to that of the adjoining villages of Nádiad, which is famed as a tobacco-growing táluka.
21. In the areas commanded by the Kh sri irrigation system, the rice grown being of the superior kinds, viz., kamod and jirasál, is reaped at the end of November, or beginning of December. After this, as soon as the lands can bear ploughing, they are sown, with wheat, barley and gram, according to the amount of moisture left in them ; and, also, as to whether the stream in the Khári channel can be utilized or not. I personally supervised the revision classification of the Khári villages in 1890-91; and, although, in that year, the rainfall was only $27 \cdot 11$, a large extent of land was being irrigated by flow in December and January. After November, when the varás are over, there are no restrictions to the use of the water, and the different villages dam it up according to their requirements, without any noticeable friction.
22. The floods that enter the taluka by Khándhli and Bhaladda unite in Limbási. In Bhaládáa a channel has been cut to drain the large area of marshy land on the north of the village site in the direction of Pariaj. Though it has effected its object it has produced two results which had not been anticipated. They are (1) that the channel carries away the flood waters too rapidly to the detriment of the rice lands in the vicinity of the marsh, and (2) that the strain thus put on the dam of the irrigation tank in Pariaj has been more than it has been able to bear. It burst under it in 1891, and the dependent rice numbers scarcely got any help from it. Perhaps a sluice built near the village of Bhalada would effectively remedy the defects pointed out. In Limbási the floods fill a large tank, owing to which a good deal of kamod rice is grown in it. This tank has, however, silted up considerably and requires clearing. Early attention might be given to it. In Limbási and Chanor, near the Cambay boundary, the floods form an extensive marsh, which require draining to be fit for cultivation. In the other low-lying parts, which, although under water during the rains, dry up by the end of October, wheat is grown.
23. Bájri is sown with math, val and gavár ; and kodra with tuer and val, cotton seed being drilled in every tenth row. The main crops are reaped in October, and room is thus made for the subsidiary crops to develop and ripen. These are gathered in December, January and February. The cotton is of the perennial kind and called rojhi. The plants are kept up for 3 or 4 years, after which they are removed and fresh seed sown.
24. In 1876-77, according to the Gazetteer, the area under tobacco was 600 acres; in 1886-87, according to the Statistical Atlas, 1,107; and last year 1,157. This improvement, in my opinion, is not only permanent, but will continue to be progressive. The completion of the Godhra-Ratlam line will give tobacco cultivation a great impetus, as even now this product finds its way into the distant Ddepur region notwithstanding the enormous difficulties of the road beyond Modása.
25. There are three principal castes which contribute the largest quota towards making up the agricultural population, viz., Kolis, Kunbis and Rajputs. The Kunbis are chiefly found in the rillages north of an east-and-west line drawn through Traj, and in the border villages in the south; while the intervening area is mainly in the possession of Kolis and Rajputs. The Kunbis, as usual, are thriving and, generally speaking, well-to-do, even those found in the tract occupied by the other castes ; as witness Khándhli, Traj and Limbási. The Kolis and the Rajputs are, I regret to say, very poor. The Patel of Heranj, a Rajput, persoually handed to me a long petition deseribing the extreme poverty of bis village people. I visited the village, and then not only inspected the lands, but at the request of the Patel also went into some of the houses. The lands I found to be very good, and the cultivation very fair, but the condi-
tion of the houses was wretchedly poor. Trying to understand why such opposite circumstances existed side by side, I discovered that the cultivators habitually sold nearly all their stock of manure to the Kunbis of the neighbouring village of Khándhli, where in consequence high garden cultivation was everywhere visible! To prove further that the cause of their poverty was solely due to their own indolence and thriftlessness, when I went to the adjoining village of Alindra, which is a thriving Kunbi village, I learnt that the clearance of the large village tank, for which a large sum had been sanctioned last year, was almost at a standstill, owing to the scarcity of labourers; and the work, which should be finished in one year, was going to take three years. Later on I learnt that the village officials had applied to the Collector to have the work taken over by the Executive Engineer. If the Kolis and Rajputs are extremely poor, which no doubt they are, it seems to me they have only themselves to blame, for no Government in the world could make their circumstances any better than they are.
26. In Appendix B* I give the life and death statistics of the taluka for - Not printed. 5 years from 1886-87 to 1890-91. It is unusual to give information of this kind in our settlement reports ; but these figures are so appalling that the departure in this instance, for the reason given, and the other that the subject bears intimate connection with the revenue-paying capacity of the táluka, will be considered as not only justifiable, but imperative. It will be seen that, out of the 5 years for which statistics are given, only one year, that is 1886-87, shows an excess of births over deaths; in all the other years the case is exactly the reverse. The year 1887-88 seems to have been a remarkably unhealthy one, for the number of its deaths exceeds that of its births by 74.4 per cent. Runuing the eyes down the columns of this year it is seen that the birth and death rates of some of the villages were as follows:-

|  | Number of Births per 1,000 <br> of Population. | Number of Deaths <br> per 1,000 of |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Trapulation. |  |  |

This, alarming mortality, I am told, is due exclusively to malarial fever. No doubt there was something very insanitary in the condition of these villages in 1887-88 to give them this unenviable notoriety over the others.
27. The most common cause of death, as may be expected, is fever, and this is produced by the water-logged condition of the greater part of the táluka. To the same cause is also due the prevalence of diarrhoa and dysentery. With malarial fever raging as an epidemic during certain parts of every year, it is to be regretted that there is not a single hospital or dispensary in the whole of the taluka. The reason of this seems to be that the town of Kaira, with those institutions, is just outside the boundary. This, it will be admitted, is an inadequate and inconvenient arrangement; and I would strongly advocate better provisions being made to give medical help to the thousands of the miserable sick who annually suffer from the deadly climate. If hospitals cannot be established for want of funds, house-to-house dispensing of quinine, and other drugs, might be adopted during the malarial season. Some such arrangement, it seems, has been made, at Mr. James' instance, since 1891 for the Khári irrigated villiges with success, and it might with ease be extended to embrace the whole táluka.
$\checkmark$ 2\%. In respect of markets for the disposal of agricultural produce, the táluka eajoys many adrantages. The stations of Bárejdi, Mehmadábád and Nadiád, of the B. B. \& C. I. Railway, are all three within easy distance of the greater part of it, while the port of Cambay is fairly handy to the villages in the south. The northern villages have the additional facility of a made road to Ahmedabad. All these places may be denominated export markets. The consuming markets are more numerous; for, besides the places named above, there are the towns of Kaira, Mátar, Dholka and Sojitra, the last named being

Gáekwari situated close to the isolated village of Devátaj. So far as rice is, however, concerned, the whole of the neighbourhood, for a great many miles, wherever rice is not grown, is a consumer of that produce. In January, when paddy has been cleaned and garnered, buyers arrive in a stream of empty carts in the rice-growing villages from Baroda, Cambay, \&c., to purchase rice and carry it home, either for resale, or for home consumption. In fact, the ricegrowers enjoy the privilege, which none will begrudge them, of being waited upon by the rest of the world for the valued grain the cultivation of which is, in this táluka, attended with so much danger to life. Tobacco is also a product which is sold by the growers at their door. It is bought up by agents of tobacco merchants from most distant places in and out of the Presidency.
(29. All the macadamized roads now existing in the taluka have been made during the currency of the present lease. They are, however, as will be seen from the map, all located in the northern half of the táluka; nothing therefore has yet been done for the other half, in which the commnnications, at the best of times, are not good, and, in the rains, often bad enough to be entirely closed for days and weeks. V
30. The people being nearly all agriculturists, only one industry is practised in the taluka, and that is weaving. The weavers are, as a rule, of the depressed class. The number of the looms employed in this trade is 312 , and the value of the outturn about Rs. 900 . The cloth made is the coarse khádi, and is all used up in the táluka. $\sqrt{ }$
31. There are no fairs held in the taluka, but the one alluded to in paragraph 27 of the Dholka Revision Settlement Report, from its locality at the junction of the Sábarmati and the Wátrak whieh occurs in it, affects Mátar and Dholka in an equal degree.
32. In the subjoined table I give statistics of population for the years 1881 and 1891, and of cattle, ploughs, \&c., for 1886 and 1891. The population for both the years is according to the general census of Thdia. The other figures are, I regret to say, not exactly comparable, for those for $1886-87$ are for 77 Government villages, whereas those for 1891 represent 74. This irregularity, owing to the dispersion of the records of the taluka as it stood in 1862-63, the year of the original settlement, cannot be helped. But, if in making the comparison a certain allowance is always made, in favour of 1891, a very fair idea will be obtained as to the condition of the taluka whether it is progressive or not:-

|  |  | $\begin{gathered} 1881 . \\ 1886-87 . \end{gathered}$ | 1893. | Increase. | Decrease. | Percentage: |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population |  | 78,270 | 79,080 | 810 |  |  |
| Agricultural cattle <br> Cows, buffaloes and their young. |  | 14,500 | 13,061 |  | 1,439 | -93 |
|  |  | 26,424 | 29,765 | 3,341 |  | +121 |
| Sheep and goats ... ... |  | 4,272 | 5,514 | 1,242 | ... | $+12 \frac{1}{2}$ +29 |
| Horses and ponies |  | 301 | 341 | 40 | ... | $+13 t$ |
| Ploughs |  | 2,965 | 2,980 $\mathbf{6 , 9 3 8}$ | 15 | 204 | $\pm{ }^{\frac{1}{2}}$ |
| Wells | ... | 1,145 | 1,491 | 346 | ... ${ }^{204}$ | +30 |

33. The population figures, as already stated, are those of the decennial census. It will be seen that the increase during the 10 years has been only 1 per cent. This very slight growth is, according to my local enquiries, chiefly, if not wholly, due to immigration.
34. Agricultural cattle show a decrease of $9 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent. and ploughs $2 \frac{3}{4}$. One of these decreases is too large to be discounted by the fact pointed out in paragraph 32. Looking at the revenue history (Appendix O), I find that in 1891-92 the area of cultivation was larger than in 1886-87; the conclusion this forces on one is that the figures of one or both the years must be incorrect.
35. Cows and buffaloes show an increase of $12 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., sheep and goats of 29 , and horses and ponies of $13 \frac{1}{4}$.
36. Carts have increased $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
37. Wells show an increase of 346 equal to 30 per cent., which is large enough to prove that there is surplus capital seeking investment. It should be remembered that the comparison is for 5 years only.
38. The number of Government schools in the táluka for boys is 30 and for girls 1. The former have an attendance of 1,633 and the latter of 82 children. The number of private schoools is only one, with an attendance of 8 boys.
39. From Appendix $G$ it will be seen that out of a total of 46,765 survey numbers into which the táluka has been divided, 37,826 survey numbers, or 81 per cent., are entirely cultivated by their khátedárs; 1,690, or $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., by their owners in partnership with others ; 2,056, or $4 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent., are sub-let for money payments; 1,145, or $2 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., for grain payments ; and 4,048, or 83 per cent., are waste.
40. In Appendices H to M, I give summarized statements of sales, leases and mortgages received from the Registration Department. The Inspector by whom they were prepared gives a brief review of each, and I quote the following details from his letter, of which a brief summary appears in the Appendix.

Ordinary Sales.-(a) The average value of each sale is Rs. $342 \cdot 41$, and (b) of each acre, Rs. 124:97, (c) the average assessment per acre being Rs. 4•14.

Sales by Court.-The three averages under this head are (a) Rs. 166•47,
(b) Rs. $55 \cdot 49$ and (c) Rs. $3 \cdot 63$.

Simple mortgages.-(a) Rs. $359 \cdot 40$, (b) Rs. $82 \cdot 36$ and (c) Rs. $4 \cdot 49$.
Mortgages with possession.-(a) Rs. $357 \cdot 94$, (b) Rs. 118.52, and (c) Rs. 443.
Leases.-(a) Rs. 31.64, (b) Rs. 8.53, and (c) Rs. 3.65.
Most of the above figures do not disclose the whole truth, still they may be taken as giving a very good view of the value of land in Mátar.
41. The daily wages of labourers, adult male or female, at the time of the original settlement were one anna in cash and two meals per diem. The same now are three annas and two meals. Wages have therefore risen about 200 per cent. During the wheat harvest many of the Koli cultivators proceed with their families into the Bárá, or coast villages, of Cambay for work. I may add that the wages obtaining in the taluka are much higher than those in Cambay.
42. In Appendix $N$ the prices of the chief food-grains grown in the taluka are given. All but the prices of 1862-63, the year of the settlement, and those of the ten last years before it, have been obtained from the táluka. The data for the excepted yeard were taken from the original settlement report. In the subjoined statement 1 give the average prices of the last 10 years of the presettlement period, and of each of the three decennial periods of the survey lease for purposes of comparison:-

| Periods of comparison. | Rice'in husk. | Wheat. | Bajri. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: |

43. It will be seen that the settlement for the purposes of noting the movement of prices could not have been introduced in a more favourable year; for in 1862-63 began the American War which has had such a marvellous influence on the fortunes of India. This influence was at its height in 1863-64. In the following year it began to dwindle; but its effect kept more or less steady throughout 1866-67, after which the ebb began, and the lowest point was, for some jears, reached as early as 1868-69. In the 2nd and 3rd decades, you will observe, the prices have remained steady, the slightly higher averages of the former decade being of course due to the famine year of 1877, when, though Gujarat was outside the sphere of its virulence, some of the prices touched
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greater heights than they had ever done during the dearest period of the American War. The percentage increase in price of the last decade of the lease over that of the last decade of the old order of things is about 33, and this I think will be maintained for the future.
44. In Appendis O a revenue history of the 74 Goverument villages is given for the years of the survey lease, as well as for the 5 years immediately preceding them. It will be seen that the lease began with a large advance, both in area and revenue, over the last year of the system superseded. the increase in the former item being 8,502 acres, and in the latter Rs. 15,293. A study of the history for the 30 years of the lease discloses that, in the first decade, there was an increase in the area of cultivation of 1,775 acres, which added Rs. 7,451 to the revenue; that in the second decade there was a decrease of 747 in acres and 2,517 in money; and that the last decade shows not only a recovery to the level of the first, but also a small progress of 1,491 acres in area and Rs. 4,444 in revenue. The progress during the 30 years of the lease, it must be owned, is not great; but this fact, it seems to me, is fully explained by the vital statistics of the táluka as described in paragraphs 26 and 27 above. It is evident that the progress in cultivation has but kept pace with the small growth of the population. This fact will be confirmed by the following data which I give in anticipation:-

|  |  |  |  |  | Acres. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assessed waste in | Group I | ... | ** | ... | 150 |
| \% $\quad$ | Group II | $\ldots$ | ... |  | 7,331 |
| " " | Group III |  | ... |  | 3,494, |

Group I is the highest part of the táluka, and, consequently, the healthiest ; as Group II is the most water-logged and the sickliest.
45. The reasons for the permanent remissions on account of new wells and other causes having ceased in 1873-74, there have been no sums remitted under that head since that year. The average amount of the casual remissions per annum for the whole period of the lease is Rs. 585, which gives a percentage of $0 \cdot 34$ on the amount of the collections.
46. The subjoined table shows the amount of difficulty experienced in the collection of the revenue for the last three years:-

| Year. |  |  |  | Number of Villages. | Number of notices. | Number of dastraint cases, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | $\checkmark$ |  |  |
| 1889-90 | do. | -* |  | 66 | 2,353 | 4 |
| 1890-91 | - | ... | - | 64 | 2,387 | 5 |
| 1891.92 | $\cdots$ | -"* | $\bullet \cdot$ | 62 | 1,485 | 10 |

The last year shows a great improvement on its predecessors.
47. The review of the condition of the táluka for the last 30 years shows that, notwithstanding the deadly climate of parts of it, the progress made during tha survey lease has on the whole been satisfactory. Captain (now Colonel) Prescott in paragraphs 23 and 24 of his report No. 542, dated 31 st December 1862, says that the taluka, as then composed, was well able to pay an assessment heavier by 40 or 50 per cent. than that at which it was assessed; but, for the reasons stated by him, he did not consider it advisable to raise the general revenue by more than 10 per cent. Since then no doubt prices have, as surmised by him, fallen below the level at which they ruled during the American War; but the present prices, as shown in paragraph 43 ante, are much higher than those that had prevailed immediately before the introduction of the present rates, and during the lease Government have spent much money not only in building first-class roads in parts of the táluka, but in considerably improving the Khâri irrigation channels, All this expenditure has raised,
the value of land, and this is an additional reason why Government are now entitled to an increase of revenue.
48. The circumstances and the composition of the táluka having become changed since the last settlement, a fresh grouping of 'the villages becomes necessary.
49. In the briginal grouping, Kasbo Mátar constituted thé 1st group all by itself. Whatever reason then existed for this arrangement, this grouping is now an anomaly. As Nadiád is now the most important market for the táluka, Group I should be composed of those villages which have the easiest access to it. On this ground I form my 1st group of the following villages:-

| 1 Mátar. | 5 Alindra. | 9 Undhela. | 13 Antroli. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 Solkhda. | 6 Shiholádi. | 10 Vansar. | 14 Hejrábád. |
| 3 Khadiálapura. | 7 Maliátaj. | 11 Radhvãnaj. | 15 Sandhâná. |
| 4 Garmála. | 8 Lavál. | 12 Ratanpur. | 16 Untai. |

With the exception of Mátar, all these villages were, placed by Colonel Prescott in the 2nd group. Mr. Ellis, the Revenue Commissioner, however, reduced Antroli a class for the reason given in paragraph 15 of his letter No. 368, dated 7th February 1863, to be found in the compilation. That reason; it is needless to add, is now no longer valid.
50. My 2nd group is formed of the remaining villages of the old 2nd group, and the Dholka and late Jetalpur tillages now incorporated with the táluka. Two villages of the old 3rd group, viz. Vávdi and Kájipura, have been included in the new group orving to their position. The villages of this group are as follows:-

| 1 Pinglaj. | 10 Kaloli. | 19 Radu. | 28, Khándhli. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 Malárpura. | 11 Náeka, | 20 Rasikpur. | 29 Devátaj. |
| 3 Kanera. | 12 Bherái. | 21 Vársang. | 30 Sinjivãda. |
| 4 Gobhlaj. | 13 Dhadhal. | 22 Mehelaj. | $31 . \mathrm{Moraj}$. |
| 5 Pansoli. | 14. | 23 Koshial. | , 32 Chikhaliá |
| 6 Navágám. | 15 Kajipura. | 24 Piparia. | '33 Khanpur. |
| 7 Kathváda. | 16 Vávdi. | 25 Tráj. | 34 Jhichka. |
| 8 Chanidra. | 17 Dámri. | 26 Máchial. | 35 Gorad. |
| 9 Chitrasar. | 18 Setra. | 27 Heranj. |  |

51. The remaining villages are grouped id the 3rd class. They are:-

| 1 Kunjra. | 7 Nádoli. | 13 Ranásar. | 19 Ádeva. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 Punaj. | 8 Dethli. | 14 Marála.. | 20 Válotrí. |
| 3 Asláli. | 9 Vasái. | 15 Limbási. | 21 Viroja. |
| 4 Trája. | 10 Bhaláda. | 16 Pála. | 22 Pariaj. |
| 5 Kathoda. | 11 Sáila. | 17 Asámli. | 23 Bámangám. |
| 6 Nagráma. | 12 Shekhupur. | 18 Chánor. |  |

52. As all the tálukas of your Collectorate were recast in 1867, it seems to me to be most advisable to take opportunity of the revision settlements to make the rates of the whole of them fit into one nother. To do this, with any semblance of consistency, it is essential to keep in mind the parts of the Collectorate, which enjoy all the advantages that ordinarily regulate the grouping of villages in the highest degree, as the standard for reference, in fixing the rates for the less favoured villages. To my mind, there is no doubt that such parts are the townships of Nadiad and A'nand, and the villages in their vicinity. The highest maximum rate in the Collectorate now is Rs. $6 \cdot 4$, which is of Nadiád, and, studying the Kaira crop experiment reports, and remembering that the opening of the Godhra-Rutlam line is sure to give tabacco cultivation, which is so highly profitable, a great impetus, it is not improbable that, when the settlement reports of Nadiád and A'nand come to be written, the highesi maximum rate will be fixed at about Rs. 7.
53. Keeping the above considerations in view, I recommend the following as the maximum rates for my three groups:-

|  |  |  |  |  | Rs. a. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group I | . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ... | ** | -• | $\begin{array}{ll}5 & 8 \\ 5 & 0\end{array}$ |
| Group II | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | ** | $\begin{array}{ll}4 & 8 \\ 4 & 0\end{array}$ |
| Group III |  | ** | $\cdots$ | ... | 40 |

The present rates are as follows:-

|  |  |  |  |  | Rs. | a. |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Group | I | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4 | 12 |
| Group II | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4 | 8 |  |
| Group III | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4 | 4 |  |
| Group IV | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4 | 0 |  |

It will be seen that the lowest rates of the two sets are the same. Considering the condition of the people of the 3rd group, which are, as a rule, only a little better than that of the people of Heranj described in paragraph 25 above, and that nothing has been dóne during the expiring lease to improve their means of communication, I think we should not be justified in taking a larger increase than the application of the sub-soil water rates, and the assimilation of the rice water rates produce,
54. I would like to equalize the rice water rates of the Khári, or, as they are more popularly known, the Kalambandi villages, for they now range from Rs. 8 (on 24 annas) for Kaloli to Rs. 10 (also on 24 annas) for Navágám. Whatever reasons existed at the first settlement for these differences, I can see none now; but it seemed to me more important to raise their soil rates from Rs. $2-8$ to Rs. 4 , and they cannot bear a rise in both respects. It will be remembered, these villages had belonged to the late Jetalpur Taluka of Ahmedabad, the rates of which were very low; and the rates of those of its villages, which were incorporated with Daskroi, were raised when that táluka was revised. The water-rates of the rest of the villages of Mátar also vary considerably, i. e. from Rs. 2-8 to Rs. 3-12. It seems to me, these rates can be simpli., fied by having Rs. 3 for the villages of the 1st and 2nd groups (of course leaving the Kalambandi villages out), and R.s. 3-8 for those of the 3rd group. All those villages, the present rates of which are higher than these maxima, to retain them unchanged. The reason for my fixing a higher rate for the 3rd group than for the other two is that, in the former, a short rainfall does less harm than in the latter owing to its receiving the drainage of the couutry on the east of the táluka.
55. The present dhekudiat rates are Rs. 2 for the Sábarmati and the Vátrak, and Re. 1 for the Khári. I would recommend the retention of the former for the new settlement; but, for reasons to be given later on, the Khári rate should be cancelled and a bag rate of Rs. 8 be substituted for all the villages bordering on it except Kanera, for which alone the rate should hold good.
56. It will have been seen from paragraph 12 of this report that the Khári and its branches are well supplied with sluices, owing to which no water is, if possible, allowed to escape into the lower part of the river 2 below Chani. dra, after the várás begin in October. At the last settlement some 900 numbers of Chitrásar, Chanidra, Kaloli and Náeka were assessed to the dhekudiat rate. The Chitrásar people, being wise in their generation, complained against the justice of the assessment when the Khári had no water for them; and in 1874 Government remitted the charge for good. The other villages have, however, continued to pay it. I have personally satisfied myself as to the justice of the remission, as also that the Khari runs almnst dry below Chanidra after November; and, in consequence, during the revision of the classification of the villages concerned, I ordered that none of these survey numbers should be classed as dhekudiat. But though the Khári ceases to run, a few pools are left in it in chance places, which afford a sufficiency of water for a few dhekudis. These pools are, however, never fixed : hence we cannot make provisions in our rates, which are permanent for a generation, to meet the uncertainty in the locality of dhekudiat cultivation year by year. I have accordingly recommended the adoption of a bag rate of Rs. 8 for all the Khári villages except Kanera.
57. The present bhátha rate is Rus. 8 on 16 annas of classification, or Rs. 14 on 28 annas, the highest possible classification. This should be accepted as the revision rate. The area of permanent bhátha in the táluka is very small, viz. 189 acres 13 gunthas, which will bear an assessment of Rs. 2,204,
53. The proposed rates give the following results as compared with what the táluka is now paying :-

| Clase, | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Vulages. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Mayımum dry merop rate. | Late Statam. |  | Steiver Brarby. |  |  |  |  |  | Precintagn, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Government occupied Land |  | Government occupled Land. |  | Government tuoccupied Land. |  | Total. |  | Incremse. | $\underset{\text { crease. }}{\text { Dew }}$ |
|  |  |  | Ares. | Aasessment | Area | Absessment. | Area. | Ascesemento | Area, | Assessment. |  |  |
| 1 .. | 16 | Rs, $\mathrm{B}_{\text {, }}$ <br> $\left\{\begin{array}{ll}5 & 8 \\ 6 & 0\end{array}\right\}$ | A. g. 8,185 31 | $88,138^{\circ}$ | $\begin{gathered} A, g . \\ 8,130 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{cc} \text { Rs. } & \\ 46,057 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{rr} \text { A. } & \text { g. } \\ 138 & 11 \\ 1 & 23 \end{array}\right\}$ | Re. 3. | A. g. | Re, $\mathbf{a s}_{4}$ |  | $\cdots$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\} 5604$ | $\left\{\begin{array}{r}8,275 \\ 112\end{array}\right.$ | \} 46,817 | 89 |  |
|  | 35 | $\left\{\begin{array}{lll}4 & 8 \\ 4 & 0\end{array}\right\}$ | 19.94522 | 92,616 9 | 19,76s 81 | 1,36,688 12 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}7,117 \\ 274 \\ 24\end{array}\right.$ | $\} 80,4480$ | $\left\{\left.\begin{array}{r} 86,672 \\ 274 \\ 10 \end{array} \right\rvert\,\right.$ | \} 1,57,181 12 | 369 |  |
| III .. | 23 | 40 | 14,831 15 | 50,617 14 | 14,964 21 | 61,045 12 | 3,245 0 | 8,042 4 | 18,209 21 | 70,088 0 | 201 | -• |
|  |  | Total . | 43,072 28 | 1,76,372 13 | 42,858 12 | 2,33,791 8 | $\left\{\begin{array}{r}10,498 \\ 276 \\ 35\end{array}\right.$ | $\}$ 40,045 8 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}53,357 \\ 275 \\ 33\end{array}\right.$ | \} $2,73,8370$ | 324 | - |

59. These results show an increase of over 33 per cent. in two instances; to be more exact, 39 per cent. on the 1st group and $36 \frac{1}{2}$ on the 2 nd, For the reasons given in my paragraphs 47,52 and 53 , which are especially applicable to these groups, 1 strongly recommend my rates being sanctioned unaltered. It must be remembered that we have ngw fully taxed the lands of Mátar for the sub-soil water advantages inherent in them, so that in future all the benefits to be derived from the use of the water will belong exclusively to the khátedárs. Moreover, I have little doubt that, in the case of the 2nd group at least, the exact figures will show the increase on the rights side of the limit, and I need not point out that the estimated rise on the whole is $32 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
60. The whole of the trees in kháta lands, with but small exceptions, belong to the khatedars. The exceptions are as follows :-
(1) Trees in the alienated lands of 4 villages. According to your orders recently issued, the charges on them have been permanently remitted from this year,
(2) Trees in some of the kháta lands of 8 villages from which the average income for the last 5 years is Rs. 19-3-10. I would recommend the remission of this tax for the new lease.
Sandalwood trees grow in parts of the táluka; these will be reserved to Government.
61. If the proposed rates are approved, I beg to recommend that they be guaranteed for 30 years beginning with the year of their actual levy.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient Servant,
> T, R, FERNANDEZ, Deputy Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Gujarat.

## APPENDIX A.

Details of cultivation for 5 years, vix., from 1887-S8 to 1s91-92.


## APPENDIX $C$.

Detail of Population for the year 1891-92.


## APPENDIX D .

Occupations of the People in.

| Taluka, |  | $\begin{gathered} \begin{array}{c} \text { Surveyed } \\ \text { Villages. } \end{array} \\ 2 \end{gathered}$ | Occupation. |  |  | Number. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mátar ... |  |  |  |  |  | 4 |
|  | ... | $74 \quad\{$ | Agriculturists Non-agriculturists... | $\cdots$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 50,558 \\ & 20,617 \end{aligned}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 71,175 |

APPENDIX E.
Return of Houses, Chowris, Wells, \&c., and of Live and Dead Stock for the year 1891-92.


APPENDIX F.
Statement of Schools with their average attendance for the year 1891-92.

| Number of villages. | Tanuka. | Government Schools. |  |  |  | Privatr Schools. |  | Remaris. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Boys. |  | Girls |  | Boys. |  |  |
|  |  |  | Average attendance. |  | Average attendance. | Number of schools | Average attendance. |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 30 | Mátar | 30 | 1,633 | 1 | 82 | 1 | 8 |  |

APPENDIX G.
Statement showing the number of Survey Numbers cultivated entirely by the holders in whose names they are entered in the village accounts, or in partnership with others, as well as the Survey Numbers sublet for money or grain payments and those that are waste in the Matar T'aluka of the Kaira Collectorate.

| Surveyed Villages. | Number of survey numbers cultivated entirely by the holders in whose names they are entered in the village accounts. | Number of survey numbers not cul- tivated entirely by the holders in Whose names they are entered, but cultivated by them in partnership with others. | Number of survey numbers sublet for money payments. | Number of survey numbers sublet far grain payment. payment. | Number of survey numbers waste. | Grand Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| 74 | 37,826 | 1,690 | 2,056 | 1,145 | 4,048 | 46,765 |

## APPENDIX H.

Summary of Report No. 242, dated 22nd October 1892, from the Inspector of Registration and Stamps.

The statistics shown in Appendices I to $M$ relate only to Government Latids where the sale or lease is for land only. Transactions which include building or moveable property, have been excluded. The cases have been selected hap-hazard.

## APPENDIX I.

Statement of ordinary Sales in the villages of the Mátar T'áluka.


## APPENDIX J.

Statement of:Sales by the Court in the villages of the Mátar Táluka.


## APPENDIX K.

Statement showing simple Mortgage Transactions in the villages of the Mátar Táluka.


## APPENDIX L.

Statement of Mortgages with possession in the villages of the Mátar Tailulca.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Namber } \\ \text { capas. } \\ \text { cana } \end{gathered}$ | Character of land. | Area. | $\underset{\substack{\text { amount of } \\ \text { mortgage }}}{ }$ heu. | Government Aspessment. |  | Remarks. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} 17 \\ 3 \end{gathered}$ |  | A. g. | Rs. | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Rg. } \\ 1887 . \end{array}$ |  | $\underset{\text { proporthest, }}{\substack{\text { Hen }}}$ | $\underset{\text { proportion. }}{\substack{\text { Lowet }}}$ | $\underset{\text { proportions, }}{\text { average }}$ |
|  | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Jirait... } \\ \text { Kyarı... } & \text {... } & \text {... } & . . . \\ \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}35 & 28 \\ 12 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}6,548 \\ \hline 99\end{array}$ | 245 41 | 27 19 | 83 61 | 10 6 | 33 25 |
|  |  |  |  | 1888. |  |  |  |  |
| 16 | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{llll\|} \text { Jirait... } & . . & . . & . . \\ \text { Kyari... } & . . & & . . . \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{array}{ll}49 & 28 \\ 18 & 13\end{array}$ | $\mathbf{6}, 611$ $\mathbf{1 , 1 1 1}$ | 194 | 29 15 | 95 30 | 7 | 34 +19 |
|  |  |  |  | 1889. |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & 15 \\ & 6 . \\ & \therefore \end{aligned}$ | Jırat... | $\begin{array}{ll}51 & 30 \\ 25 & 27\end{array}$ | $\mathbf{6}, 148$ $\mathbf{1}, 802$ | 145 206 | 42 9 | 87 19 | ${ }^{\prime} 15$ | 46 12 |
| 18 |  |  |  | 1890. |  |  | - |  |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{rrr}50 & 12 \\ 6 & 11\end{array}$ | 6,709 | 176 33 | 32 27 | ${ }_{28}^{112}$ | - $\begin{aligned} & 11 \\ & 20\end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r}42 \\ +24 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
|  | $x$ |  |  | 1891. |  |  |  |  |
| 16 4 |  | $\begin{array}{ll}41 & 6 \\ 10 & 4\end{array}$ | 5,750 1,277 | 183 72 | $\stackrel{31}{18}$ | 71 | 10 | 40 28 |
| в 1365-e |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## APPENDIX M,

Statement of Leases in the villages of the Mátar Táluka.

| Name of village | Area and nature of land. | Durgtion of Lease: | Government assessment. | Rate pay lessee to lessor. | By whom Government assessament 18 pard | Propor: tion of rent to Government asseas- | Remarks |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A. g. | 1887. | Ins. as. | Rs. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  |  | Explanation. |
| NLelean - - | K. $\quad 3$J 14 | 8 years | $\begin{array}{ll}29 & 8 \\ 24 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll} 50 & 0 \\ 41 & 8 \end{array}$ | Not stated Lessee | 12 tames. | $K_{\text {, in }}$ in column 2 aignifes rice land (Kyårı) and J. |
| Sandhane .: | J. $\quad$J. 13 | ${ }_{10}^{10} \mathrm{do}$ do. | $\begin{array}{ll}24 & 0 \\ 3 & 9\end{array}$ | 41 <br> 0 <br> 0 | Not stated ${ }^{\text {** }}$ |  | jurait or dry-crop. |
| Kethli $\quad \because$ |  | 10 do. | 50 | 15 | Lessee .. |  |  |
| Métar $\quad \because \quad .$. | J. 020 | Indefinte | 30 | 50 | Do. $\quad *$ | 18 |  |
| Do . . | J. 027 | 4 years | 36 | 150 | Do. | ${ }_{2}$ | Highest proporthou. |
| Pıparia | J 836 | 1 do. | ${ }^{11}{ }^{8}$ |  | Lessor An | 13 |  |
| Traj ${ }^{\text {a }}$ |  | 15 do | $\begin{array}{rrr}1 & 12 \\ 31\end{array}$ | $7{ }^{7} 0$ | Lesseer $\quad \because \quad$. | 2 |  |
| Shitar .. | J. 8 82 <br> J.   <br> 18   | $\frac{1}{5}$ do. | 31 3 3 | 150 | Lessor .. .. | 4 |  |
|  | ${ }^{3} .10138$ | 5 do. | 615 | 140 | Lessee | 2 |  |
| Radu .. .. | $\begin{array}{lll}\text { J } & 6 & 7\end{array}$ | $1{ }^{1}$ do. | 10 <br> 27 | $\begin{array}{ll}19 & 0 \\ 33 & 0\end{array}$ | $\frac{\text { Lessor }}{\text { Not stated .: }}$ | $2 \frac{27}{13}$ | Lowest proportion. |
| Sokhda .. .. | J, 71 | 10 do. | 27 |  |  |  | Lowett proportion. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 24 | Average proportion. |
|  |  | 1888. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Traj.. | K. 028 | 8 years |  | 160 | Lessor | 84 |  |
| Sandhána . | J. $\quad 3 \quad 15$ | 8 do. |  | $\begin{array}{ll}43 \\ 31 & 0 \\ 31 & 0\end{array}$ | Do | 1 | Lowest proportion. |
| Matar Buholdi $\quad \because$ | $\begin{array}{llll}\mathrm{K} . & 4 & 33 \\ \text { \% } & 3 & 31\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}5 \\ 2 & \text { do. } \\ \\ \text { do. }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}20 \\ 15 & 8 \\ \\ \end{array}$ | 31 70 | Not stated. | $4{ }^{18}$ | Highest do. |
| Dhhholdi .. ${ }_{\text {Dethli }}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { J. } & 3 & 31 \\ \text { J. } & 31 & \mathbf{9}\end{array}$ | 2 7 7 do. do. | $\begin{array}{ll}15 & 0 \\ 11 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}70 & 0 \\ 38 & 0\end{array}$ | Nessee | ${ }_{3}^{4}$ | Highent do. |
| Piparia .. | J. $\quad 228$ | 1 do. |  |  | Lessor .. .. | 24 |  |
| Machıal ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | J. 1 | 3 do. | ${ }^{3} 86$ | 7 18 8 | ${ }_{\text {Leassee }}^{\text {Do }}$ | ${ }_{3}^{24}$ |  |
| Kathode | J, 1 | 5 do. | $\begin{array}{ll} 6 \\ 4 & 0 \\ 4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{cc} 18 & 0 \\ 8 & 8 \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| Matar ${ }^{\text {Datada }}$.. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { J. } & & 1 & 5 \\ \text { J. } & 0 & 23\end{array}$ | 5 5 d do. do. | $\begin{array}{cc} 4 \\ \hline 9 & 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rr} 8 \\ 20 & 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Lessor Do. | 4 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 3 | Aserage proportion. |
|  |  | 1889. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shiholdr .. | 210 | 4 years | 8 | 20 | Lessee | 3 |  |
| Tras. | J. $\quad 237$ | 10 do. |  | 180 | Do. | 31 |  |
| Malarpura | J. $\quad 3 \quad 9$ | 2 do. |  |  | Do. | $\frac{17}{12}$ |  |
| Lumbasi | J. 821 | ${ }^{6} \mathrm{do}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}24 & 7 \\ 10\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}38 & 0 \\ 34 & 0\end{array}$ | Dot stated . | 3. | Highest proportion. |
| Sandhana .. | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { J. } & 4 & 4 \\ \text { J. } & 0 & 28\end{array}$ | 10 do. |  | $\begin{array}{ll}34 & 0 \\ 10 & 0\end{array}$ | Lessee -. | 24 |  |
| Do. | J. ${ }^{\text {J. }}$ | ${ }_{5}{ }^{\text {d }}$ do. | ${ }_{9} 1$ | 220 | Lessor | 2 |  |
| Kosiml .. | J. $2{ }^{6}$ | 5 do. | 1214 |  | Not stated. | 32 | Lowest proportion. |
| Pparia | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { J. } & & 4 & 5 \\ \text { J } & 5 & 59\end{array}$ | 7 do. do. | $\begin{array}{ll}15 & 0 \\ 23 & 0\end{array}$ |  | Lessor :" | $1{ }^{17}$ |  |
| * |  |  |  |  |  | $2\}$ | Average proportion. |
|  |  | 1880. |  |  |  |  |  |
| Machial |  | 5 years |  | 210 | Lessee | 28 | Highast proportion |
|  | J $\quad 37$ | 10 do. | 128 | 27 0 | Lessor | 34 | Highest proportion |
| Dhadihal | K 6 | 3 do. | ${ }_{31}^{21} 0$ |  | Do. $\quad$ Do. | ${ }_{2}^{24}$ |  |
| Do. . .. | $\mathbf{K}$ 4 30 <br>    | 12 do | $\begin{array}{cc}38 & 13 \\ 9 & 10\end{array}$ |  | Do. $\quad \therefore \quad$. | ${ }_{3}$ |  |
|  | J, | ${ }_{10} 12$ do. |  |  | Do. ${ }^{\text {D }}$ | $1{ }^{18}$ | Lowest proportion. |
|  | J. ${ }^{5} 1238$ | 12 do. |  | 178 | Do. | 2 |  |
| Unkai $\quad \therefore$ | J. $\quad 211$ | -10 do | $8{ }^{8} 8$ | 150 | Lessese | ${ }_{23}$ |  |
| Alindra $\quad \because$ | J. $\quad 320$ | 10 do. . |  | ${ }_{36} 36$ | Lessor | ${ }_{2}{ }^{3}$ |  |
| Ohaladra . | K. 815 | Indefinte | 620 | 156 6 | Do. | 24 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $2 \frac{1}{2}$ | Average proportion. |
|  |  | 1891, |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | Lessee |  |  |
| Devátaj . .. | J. $\quad 5 \quad 20$ | ${ }^{25}$ do. | 178 | ${ }^{36}$ 0 | Lessor | ${ }^{2}$ |  |
| Dhadhál .. .. | K. 132 | 1 do. |  | ${ }_{2}^{22} 0$ | $\underset{\text { Lessee }}{\text { Le }}$ | ${ }^{24}$ |  |
| Garmáa | J. $\quad 1{ }^{6}$ | 1 do. | $4{ }^{4} 8$ | $\begin{array}{ll}6 & 0 \\ 4 & 0\end{array}$ |  | $\frac{12}{12}$ | Lowest proportion |
| Piperif | $\begin{array}{llll}J & 0 & 27 \\ J & 1 & 7\end{array}$ | 6 do. $\quad$ ¢ | $\begin{array}{ll}2 & 38 \\ 3\end{array}$ | ${ }_{9}^{4} 0$ | Lessor |  |  |
| Fleyrabad .. | $\begin{array}{llll}J . & 1 & 1 \\ j & 2 & 20\end{array}$ | $3 \mathrm{do}$. |  |  | Lessor .. | ${ }^{2 \frac{3}{2}}$ | Highest proportion. |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Shinold } \\ & \text { Melas } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ll}10 \\ 10 & \text { do. }\end{array}$ | ${ }_{29}^{16}{ }_{29}^{4}$ | 60 | Do |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 24 | Average proportion. |
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Slatement showing the prices prevalent in the Mátar Taluka of the Kaira Oallectorate for 40 years from 1852-53 to 1891-92.

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|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1872-73 |  | 23 | 28 | 1882-83 .. | 40 | 26 | 32 |
| 1852-53 | ${ }_{69} 69$ | ${ }_{57}^{56}$ | ${ }_{65}^{65}$ | ${ }_{1888-64}^{18823}$.. | 26 | ${ }_{20}$ | 26 | 1873-74... | ${ }_{33}$ | 21 | 27 | 1833-84. | 40 | 28 | 28 |
| 1854-56 | $74 \frac{1}{2}$ | 524 | $64 \frac{1}{3}$ | 188465 | 22 | 16 | 20 | 1874-75 | 84 | 22 | 28 | 1884-85. | 45 | 35 | 40 |
| (1856-56 - | $78 \frac{1}{2}$ | 62 | 72 | 1885-66 | 20 | 26 | 60 | 1875-76 | 33 | 20 | 29 | 1893-87... | 38 | ${ }_{25}$ | 37 |
| 2856-57 | 744 | 43 2 | 559 | 1886-67... | 22 | 32 |  | ${ }_{1877}^{1876-77}$ | ${ }_{84}^{26}$ | 19 | 2 | 1897-88.. | 38 | 25 | 35 |
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| ${ }^{7858-69} \cdot$ | $4{ }^{45}$ | 42 | ${ }_{4}^{48}$ | 1868-69.... | 36 36 | 20 |  | ${ }_{1879} 180$ | 40 | 30 | 38 | 1889-90... | 38 | 26 | 35 |
| ${ }_{8880-81}^{889-90}$ | 48 | 30 | 4 | 1870-71 |  | 21 |  | 1880-81 | 40 | 28 | 32 | 1880-91.. | 38 36 | 32 38 | 40 38 |
| 1861462 ... | 45 | 30 | i 40 | 1871-72 .. | 35 | ${ }^{22}$ |  | 1881-8: |  | 28 | 30 |  |  |  |  |

## APPENDIX 0.

Revenue History for 74 villages situated in the Mátar Talluka of the Kaira Collectorate in which the Surv. Settlement was introduced in the year 1862-69.


General Statement referred to in paragraph 58 of the Deputy Superintendent's situated in the Mátar Táluka


## P.

Report No. 138, dated 28th February 1899, frr 74 Government villages of the Kaira Collectorate.



The black figures represent
$\mathbf{P}$-continued.

$u_{\text {uassessed }}$ Bhatha land.

APPENDIX

| No. | Narae of Village. |  | Nevyproposednaximumdry-c.10prate, | Total area gralable for <br>  Inam. | Thtal area not available for cultavation |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  |  | Government Occupred |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Dis-crop. |  | Rice. |  |
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| , |  | Rs. a. | Rs. a | A. g. | A. g. | A. g. | Rs. a. | A. g | Rs. $\mathrm{m}_{\text {a }}$ |
| 1233456789910111213141415161718182020212223 | Kunjra ... | $\begin{array}{ll}4 & 4 \\ 4 & 4\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}4 & 0 \\ 4 & 0\end{array}$ | 814 | 3434 | 34920 | 1,188 6 | 5432 | ${ }_{26614}^{14}$ |
|  | Tranjá ${ }_{\text {Kathoda }} \quad .$. | $\begin{array}{ll}4 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \\ 4\end{array}$ | 4 4 4 4 | 2,037 <br> 885 <br> 885 | $\begin{array}{r}184 \\ 47 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 50310 246 | 1,705 15 | 2492 11814 | 1,545 8 <br> 711 0 |
|  | Asámli ... | 40 | 40 | 4,040 34 | 60023 | 1,023 0 | 3.11010 | 11423 | 5954 |
|  | Palla - ... | 40 | 40 | 72217 | 1349 | 20434 | 6546 | 923 | 400 |
|  | Aslali ... | 40 | 40 | 6736 | 5722 | 30838 | 9328 | 729 | 4096 |
|  | Nadoli . | 40 | 40 | 99939 | 307 | 23021 | 6672 | 641 | 3294 |
|  | Dethl -. | 4 0 <br> 4  <br>   | $\begin{array}{ll}4 & 0 \\ 4 & 0\end{array}$ | 1,921 34 | 7530 | 111 | 32510 | 12529 | 615 <br> 8 <br> 8 |
|  | Vasai ... | 40 | 40 | 464 | 394 | 2938 | 842 | 7438 | 3678 |
|  | Nagrama ... | 40 | 40 | 8187 | 3338 | 50714 | 1,523 6 | 6082 | 3066 |
|  | Marala | 40 | 40 | 52938 | $3 \pm 17$ | 30812 | 8994 | 3139 | 181 |
|  | Limbası ... | 40 |  | 4,082 33 | 1,138 26 | 1,264 12 | 2,799 3 | 8149 | 4,076 13 |
|  | Ranâkar - | $\begin{array}{ll}4 & 0 \\ 4 & \\ 4\end{array}$ | 40 | $\begin{array}{r}68117 \\ \hline 995\end{array}$ | 11725 | 34038 | ${ }^{981} 13$ | 988 357 | 45 <br> 18 <br> 74 |
|  | Bhaladá ... | $\begin{array}{ll}4 & 0 \\ 4 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ll}4 & 0 \\ 4 & 0 \\ 4\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}2,995 \\ \hline 699 \\ \hline 9\end{array}$ | 254 70 70 28 | 66714 510 | 1,805 12 | 3579 | 1,774 <br> 7 <br> 768 |
|  | Shelkhupur... | 40 40 | 4 4 4 | 69919 7868 | 7021 | 51027 51513 | 1,4741 | 14036 | 676 <br> 3 <br> 308 |
|  | Chanor .... | .. . $\quad 40$ | 40 | 1,709 0 | 7210 | 57213 | 1,526 1,626 | 301 29 | r $\mathbf{3 2 8}$ $\mathbf{1 , 6 5 2}$ 4 |
|  | Adeva | 40 | 40 | 975 | 10712 | 52528 | 1,273 12 | 11521 | 5746 |
|  | Valotrı ... | 40 | 40 | 63615 | 13821 | 35925 | 10910 | 7738 | 46811 |
|  | Viroja ... |  |  | 1,176 35 | 19219 | 29133 | 83510 | 18337 | 8968 |
|  | Pariaj .. | 40 | 40 | 2,8374 | 1,128 25 | 64511 | 1,097 14 | 23512 | 1,015 8 |
|  | Bámangám... | $\begin{array}{lll}4 & 0 \\ 3 & \end{array}$ | $4{ }^{4} 0$ | 2,396 36 | 40325 | 1.20833 | 3,206 15 | 66.33 | 2566 |
|  | Punaj ... | 38 | 40 | 1,162 32 | 7126 | 8712 | 24410 | 24910 | 1,248 12 |
|  | Total | $\cdots$ | ... | 34,046 26 | 5,064 19 | 10,813 3 | 29,925 15 | 3,586 22 | 18,380 6 |
|  | Grand Total | $\cdots$.. | $\cdots$ | 1,09,331 37 | 14,358 29 | 26,215 30 | 77,038 15 | : 2,930 32 | $81,905 \quad 5$ |

P-continued.


APPENDIX


The black figures represent

## $\mathrm{P} \rightarrow$ concluded.


unassessed Bhátha land.

## From

> Captain C. J. PRESCOTT,
> Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarát ;

To

## J. W. HADOW, Esquire, <br> Collector of Kaira.

"Kaira Districts," Superintendent's Office, Camp " Bhulada," Pargana " Mátar," 31st December 1862.
SIr,

I have the honour of submitting, for transmission to the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., with any remarks which you may think fit to pass upon them, proposals for the revision of assessment, in accordance with the principles of the Revenue Syrvey, in the pargana of Mátar, in your Collectorate.
2. This pargana is of an irregular oval form, its greatest breadth from east to west being about 18 miles, and its greatest length from north-east to south-west about 35. It is

Boundaries and Extent of the District.
bounded on the north and north-west by the pargana of Jeytulpur in Ahmedabad; on the west by the Sábarmati, separating it from Dholka; on the south-west and south by the territories of the Naváb of Cambay ; on the south-east by the Gaekwár's district of Petlád; on the east by Nadiád; and on the north-east by Muhunda. It contains, as at present constituted, 98 villages, none of which are alienated, but one, Barora, being tálukdári, has not been surveyed. Of the remaịnder, 95 are "Khálsa," and 2, Khureti and Huriala, tálukdári under attachment.
3. The superficial area of these 97 villages is $264 \frac{1}{5}$ square miles, divided by the survey as below :-

|  | Government. |  | Alrbatrd. |  | Totar, |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Numbera, | Acres. | Numbers. | Acres. | Numbera. | Acres, |
| Culturable Lands. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dry-Crop ... ... ... | - | 58,223 | ... | 62,397 | ... | 120,620 |
| Rice $\quad$. | ... | 13,354 | ... | 7,736 | .. | 21,990 |
| Garden | -•• | 3,309 | ... | 4,673 | ... | 7,982 |
| Total | $\ldots$ | 74,886 | ... | 74,806 | ... | 149,692 |
| Unculturable, including roads, tanks, village-sites, \&c. | ... | 18,470 | ... | 917 | -•• | 19,389 |
| Total ... | 21,124 | 93,356 | 27,383 | 75,723 | 48,507 | 169,079 |

The average size of fields is thus acres 3, and the alieneted land as nearly as possible 50 per cent. of the culturable area.
4. The district is either bounded or intersected by 4 rivers, viz. :-1st, the Sábarmati, which separates it from Dholka on the

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\text { west; } 2 n d \text {, the Meswa, which partially divides it from }
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## $\left[\begin{array}{ll}2 & 2\end{array}\right]$

Jeytulpur on the north-west, and falls into the Wátrak at Dedurda, a little above Kaira; 3rd, the Wátrak, which enters it at its north-east extremity, passes through it diagonally, and after receiving the waters of the Meswa and Shedhi, and flowing past the towns of Mehmadabad and Kaira, falls into the Sabarmati at Palla; and, 4th, the Shedhi, which flowing westward falls into the Watrak at Kaira. None of these rivers are navigable. Irrigation is seldom or never made from the Shedhi, as its water leaves a salt deposit, which spoils the land. The water of the other three rivers is sweet and good, but, owing to the sandy and broken nature of their banks, is not everywhere available for irrigation.
5. The district is generally level, or slightly undulating, with only a few low sand-hills in the north-east corner. In many places Appearance of the country. it is closely hedge-bound; in others, principally where the black soil prevails, it extends in large open plains.
6. The annual fall of rain in Kaira Kasba, in the centre of the district, on an average of 21 years from 1841 to 1861 , is inches $32 \frac{99}{100}$, from which it would seem that the rainfall is lighter than in Ahmedabad, the average fall in which city, as reported in my letter on the Assessment of Daskroi, is inches $35 \frac{87}{\frac{87}{100}}$. But the latter average was obtained from the returns for 8 years only, including 3 years 1855, 1856, 1857, in which an extraordinary quantity of rain fell at Ahmedabad, In ordinary years I think there is no doubt that the fall of rain is both heavier and more equable, and consequently better for cultivation in Mátar than in Daskroi, and also that the southern portion of the district, being nearer the Gulf of Cambay, gets more rain than the northern. Matar used to be considered an exceedingly unhealthy district, but has greatly improved in this respect since it was drained between 1831 and 1840. It is still, however, feverish in the rains, and very hot in the summer. The cold weather is very pleasant.
7. There are no made roads in Mátar. Of the unmade ones those in the

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\begin{array}{ll}
\text { Roads. } & \text { sandy soil are exceedingly heavy in the fair season, hnd } \\
\text { those in the black soil nearly impassable during the }
\end{array}
$$ rains. I would respectfully urge the importance of constructing lines of roads, such as would remain open during ordinary weather, to enable traffic from all parts of the district to reach the railway, which crosses the pargana at Mehmadabad. The lines I would, with deference, recommend, are the following :-

1st.-A road from Dholka, crossing the Sábarmati a little above Suhij in the Dholka District, thence to the large village of Rurru, crossing the Wátruk between Chándna and Wásnà-Bujrug to the wealthy market town of Mátar, where it should divide, one branch to Kaira, crossing the Shedhi by the iron bridge near Rattanpur, and thence to the railway station at Mehmadabad; the other branch going eastward, through Undhela and Duntali, to meet the railway at Nadiád, where the important lines of proposed road from the eastern districts converge. The length of this road would be from Dholka to Mátar, about 17 miles, from Mátar to Mehmadabad, about 13, and from Mátar to Nadiád, about 1s. It would connect the Ahmedabad and Gogha road, now being made, with the railway at Mehmadabad and Nadiád, and would pass through a fertile and populous tract of country. The direct line from Dholka to Mehmadabad would pass north of. Kaira, and I believe that this route has been recommended; but I consider the above line preferable, first, because the other road would pass through the middle of the Jeytulpur rice villages watered by the Kharri, and would consequently, unless the expense of making a regular causeway was incurred, be completely impassable from June to November, and, next because the line I advocate would, at the expense of a slight detour, connect the popalous towns of Kaira, Mátar, and Rudu, both with Mehmadabad, their nearest railway station, and with Dholka and the Gogha trunk road. Second, I would recommend a road from Dewatuj, near Sojeetra, through Bhulada, to join the other road at Mátar. The length would be about 12 miles, and it would take the traffic between Sojeetra, Cambay, Petlad, and other wealthy towns and villages in foreign territory, and Kaira, Nadiád and Ahmedabad. These two roads would together pass through the greatest length and breadth of the district.
8. The different kinds of soil in Mátar are the same as in Duskroi (vide my Soil. letter on the revision of assessment in that pargana to the Collector of Ahmedabad, No. 128 of 1860, paragraph 10) viz., Gorároo, or white sandy soil, Káli Bhoi, or black loamy, Bhátta, or rich alluviol soil in river beds, and Kiarda, or rice land. The Gorároo, of which the greater portion of the district is composed, is generally better than that in Daskroi, being less sands. The average classification of dry-crop soils in Daskroi is consequently 11.5 against 12.8 in Mátar. There is a good deal of black soil, especially in the villages along the northern bank of the Shedhi, and in a tract extending from Rudu southward to Chanor. A great part of this tract, now almost entirely waste, might be converted into valuable rice land. The black soil in Mátar is not so rich as in the Broach Districts, but much of it produces valuable crops of Chássea, or unirrigated wheat. The Bhátta lands are not very extersive, but, particularly those in the Wâtrak, south of Kaira, are very valuable. There is no tract of rice land like that in the southern villages of Jeytulpur, in Mátar ; but every village contains some rice land, and much of this is very fertile.
9. The principal products of the district are much the same as those of Das-

## Agricaltural Products.

 kroi, already fully reported on in my report on the settlement of that district, paragraph 15. There are, however, two valuable products extensively grown in Mátar, but little in Daskroi, the Gorároo soil in which district is not sufficiently rich for them,-" Kussumbi," or safflower, and tobacco. A good deal of cotton, of the triennial variety, is grown in Gorároo soil in the villages near Mehmadabad, but the annual cotton is scarcely grown at all in the black soil of Mátar.10. A large quantity of irrigated produce is raised in Mátar. Rice is chiefly Irrigation, watered from permanent wells, or from tanks, which are numerous, and some, particularly those at Bhulada, Traj and Chanor, very large. Garden lands are watered from wells either permanent, or, in Bhátta lands, temporary ; and, near rivers, from" Dhekudis" constructed in the bank.
11. I may here state the mode of assessing different kinds of garden lands, which, in conformity with the letter of the To Superintendent of Gojarát Revenue Survey, dated 11 th April 1860. Revenue Commissioner, N, D., marginally noted, I have adopted for Mátar.
1st.-Bhatta lands, in which the water is always close to the surface, are to be assessed directly at garden rates, whether

Tide accompanying Statement B., columns 10 to 13. watered from permanent or temporary wells, or not now irrigated at all.
$2 u d$.-Other lands, watered from permanent wells, will be first assessed at dry-crop rates, and a separate permanent water-rate added (calculated according to the capacity of the well), and which can be at once struck out in case the well falls in, or becomes salt.
$3 r d$.-All lands capable of being irrigated from rivers, whether the "Dhekudis" actually exist or not, have been first
Vide sccompanying State- assessed at dry-crop rates, and a separate waterment B., columns 14 to 22. rate added, varying with the distance of each field from the source of supply, and according to the difficulty and expense of constructing the "Dhekudis." This rate can be immediately struck off in case the river should change its course.
12. Connected with the subject of irrigation is that of drainage. About the year 1830 it was found that not only was the district Drainage. excessively unhealthy owing to the rain-water stagnating in many places, but also that during the monsoon inundations so often destroyed the crops that large remissions had continually to be given, and frequent heavy losses were naking the cultivators poor, Mr Jordan, late Deputy Collector in Ahmedabad, and then a Surveyor, was consequently directed to plan and carry out a system of drains, which work he executed with great skill, and at a very low cost, between the years 1831 and 1840. The immediate effect of this measure was, not only, as has before been remarked, that the district became much healthier, but
that the revenue rose considerably, remissions greatly decreased, and the cultivators began rapidly to accumulate wealth.
13. It is now complained that the drains are filling up, which cannot be wondered at, as it is now nearly 30 years since most of them were made. I would very strongly recommend that the whole drainage system of the district be now revised by a competent Engineer, with a view, not merely of putting the existing drains in thorough repair, but also, 1st, of utilising them for irrigation, and, 2nd, of making new ones in connection with them.

1st.-It is, I think, certain that if a few dams with sluice-gates were constructed in proper places in the drains, a great deal of ordinary rice land would be improved by being made capable of producing the more valuable kinds of rice, and much new land, either waste or cultivated dry-crop, would be made into rice. It is true that, except by waste lands being brought into cultivation, this would not, after the introduction of the Survey Settlement, directly benefit the revenue, and I would, therefore, recommend that the cost of constructing the dams and sluice-gates should be considered an advance to the villages luenefited by them, and be recovered from them. The people, I have little doubt, would gladly agree to this.

2nd.-I have already mentioned that a considerable tract of black soil, now waste, especially between Limbashi aod Chanor, might be converted into valuable rice land. This tract is now next to valueless, owing to the presence in the soil of what the natives call "Khár," which is, I believe, sesqui-carbonate of soda, and covers the ground with a white efflorescence. This " Khar," the natives say, is near limbashi annually increasing, and encroaching upon the cultivated lands, which it soon completely ruins. Where it cencxs from I cannot determine, but two facts about it are pretty clear : first, that it is very apt to appear where the rain water of the monsoon is permitted to stagnate, and dry up on the land, as is the case in the tract above mentioned; next, that if lands subject to it are drained, manured, and cultivated with care for a few years it generally entirely disappears. I think, therefore, that in all probability, at a trifling cost, the water which now makes this tract of country valueless might be drained from off it, and stored up in tanks for irrigation, and that in a few years we might see that, which is now a barren plain standing thick with rice crops, as valuable as those of the Jeytulpur Khárri villages and paying a heavy revenue.
14. In point of markets Mátar is very fortunately situated. It contains within itself, besides several good village "bazárs," three large market towns, Kaira, Mátar Kasba, and Mehmadabad. Besides these, within a few miles of the frontier, are the following markets :-on the west Dholka; on the north Jeytulpur and Bareja, a great rice staple ; on the east Nadiád, all in British territory ; on the south-east Vásso and Sojeetra and on the south the seaport of Cambay in foreign territory. Mátar has now also the inestimable advantage of the Bombay, Baroda, and Central India Railway passing through it, the station being at Mehmadabad, by means of which its surplus produce may be exported either north to the large market of A hmedabad, distant about 20 miles from Mehmadabad, or southwards to Baroda, Broach, Surat, and Bombay.
15. Mátar is very densely peopled, the population of the 97 villages under Population. report having been found by the Survey to be 97,929, or 371 to the square mile. The population in the Government villages of Daskroi (exclusive of the City of Ahmedabad) and of Jeytulpur averaged respectively 322 and 309 to the square mile. This population is entirely agricultural, and is principally composed of coolies,
Condition of the people. although there are a great number of Kunbis, Patidars, and Rájputs, and a good many cultivating Musalmáns. Many of the coolies are nearly as skilful and industrious cultivators as Kunbis, possess good houses and a great deal of agricultural stock. The people in Mátar generally are extremely well off, comfortably clothed and housed, and many of the Kunbis and Pátidars very wealthy,
'16. I do not think it is necessary to lengthen this letter by describing in detail the various modes of revenue management which prevailed in Mátar at, and for many years after, the commencement of our rule, as they do not materially

Revenue history and management. differ from those which have been already described in the reports on the revision
of assessment in Dholka and Daskroi. In nearly all the villages the revenue was collected either, 1st, on the principle of a division of produce between Government and the cultivator, either by actual partition of the grain, or by "Kultur," or estimate of the Government share while the crops were yet standing, the value of which was then levied in money; or 2nd, by crop or caste "Bigoti" rates on cultivation; or, 3rd, by Khátábandi, under which system the cultivator paid very heavy fixed rates for a certain portion called the Veta of the land comprised in his holding, and lighter rates for the remainder, the amount of these rates being determined principally by the caste of the cultivator, or by his supposed ability to pay them;or, 4th, by "Phatochas," which differed from Khátábandi in that all the lands comprised in each holding were assessed at an uniform rate; or, 5th, by plough and other cesses. It may be noticed that one great object in the three modes of management last mentioned was, to assess indirectly the alienated lands, of which there is so large a proportion in Mátar. In a few villages the Bhágbatai system, or caste and crop rates, still partially prevails, and in several others a large proportion of the revenue is still levied by means of plough and other cesses, which will be more particularly described in reporting my proposals for the settlement of cesses, \&c., on alienated lands in Mátar. Four villages which have been fully reported on by Mr. Pedder, in Nos, IV., V., VI., and VII. of the appendix to his Report on "Narra" and "Bhágdári" tenures, No. 41 of the 21st of March 1862, are Narva. But into by far the greater number of villages the Collector, between the years 1840 and 1844, introduced permanent Bigoti rates of assessment, on which the present revenue management is based. The original Bigoti of lands held hereditarily on the Khátábandi tenure was, however, not altered, or only so far modified as to throw the existing assessment in the shape of a Bigoti on the whole area of Government land held in the kháta, instead of unequally on the Veta and other land, so that in these khatas alienated land is still frequently indirectly assessed, and the Khátábandi principle was extended as far as possible by giving all substantial cultivators, who desired them, "Puttas" for their lands for terms of years. But in the latter case the Bigoti of the lands, exclusively Government, comprised in the " Puttas" was fixed by the Punches employed, solely on a consideration of the value of the soil, not with reference to any alienated lands which the Khátedár might possess. In most villages, therefore, there now exist two distinct principles of assessment. Substantial hereditary cultivators mostly pay the Bigoti for all the lands comprised in their holdings, waste as well as cultivated, and may not resign some lands withott giving up the entire holding; while lands which at the time of the revision were waste, or not permanently occupied by the better class of cultivators, are called "Chuti" Bigoti, and the assessment levied only on the area cultivated each year. Cesses on land were at the revision, in most villages, absorbed in the Bigoti of Government, or quit-rent of alienated lands, as the case might be, and continued only in those villages in which the holders of alienated lands refused to consent to the commutation. You will find, therefore, on examining the statement which accompanies this letter, that existing rates in Matar are still more unequal than any that have yet been met with in any of the Ahmedabad Districts.
17. I will now proceed to consider the pitch of assessment which has hither* to prevailed, its effects on population and on revenue, variations in the prices of agricultural produce, and other particulars contained in the accompanying diagram* and Statement A, from which I hope to be able to deduce satisfactory reasons for the pitch of assessment, the experimental adoption of which I am about to recommend.
18. As the present Mátar Táluka comprises numerous villages, whioh have

> Rats of increase of Population. been included in it since the date of the late Survey, I cannot give the population, as it was found to exist at that time, of the whole 97 villages, I have, however,

* Not printed.


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the census, as taken by the late Survey, of 70 villages, a proportion sufficiently large to judge of the whole district by. In these 70 villages the population, in 1820-23, amounted to 43,271 souls; it now amounts to 64,182 , an increase, in about 40 years, of 32 per cent. In "Daskroi" the increase, in the same period, was 70 per cent. ; in Jeytulpur 35 per cent In the same villages the number of ploughs, as found by the late Survey, was 4,859; they now amount to 6,649 , an increase of 26 per cent.; the increase in "Daskroi," in the same period having been 38 per cent. In the same 70 villages the permanent wells, at the time of the late Survey, were in repair 680, out of repair 233. They now amount to in repair 944 , out of repair 86 , an increase on the whole of 12 per cent. and on those in repair of 27 per cent. The increase in "Daskroi" was 44 per cent. on the wells in repair, and 36 per cent. on the whole number.
19. The diagram, it will be seen, comprises 23 years, from 1840 to 1862 inclusive. The average number of acres of Government land in cultivation, during the first five years, is 37,437 , and during the last five years acres 43,890 , a percentage increase of 14.7 in 23 years. In Daskroi the percentage increase of cultivation in Government lands was only 4.30 in 32 years. The proportion to the whole arable area of Government lands in Mátar of the area cultivated, was, last year (1861-62), 65 per cent. The average remissions during 23 years are only $1 \cdot 66$ per cent. of the rental of Government cultivated lands against 6 per , cent. in Jeytulpur, and 3.64 per cent. in Daskroi. The average realizations per cultivated acre of Government land in Mátar is Rs, 4-1-11 against Rs. 5-2-0 in Jeytulpur, in which pargana there is a very large proportion of fertile and heavily assessed rice land, and Rs. 2-15-2 in Daskroi, a district which, except that its soil generally is decidedly inferior in fertility, may fairly be compared with Mátar
20. I have given in the statement which accompanies the diagram the average prices, in the Ahmedabad market, which regulates prices in all other bázars near it of agricultural produce of 3 kinds-rice, the medium quality, wheat, and bajjri-corresponding with the three great divisions of soils into drycrop, garden, and rice lands. From this you will see that prices gradually declined for a series of years until 1857, since when they have risen extraordinarily, and are now more than double what they were in 1856.
21. It appears, then, that although population and agricultural stock seem to have increased less rapidly in Mátar than in Daskroi, cultivation has increased in a considerably greater proportion, and that the percentage of remissions to collections is smaller in Mátár; and had we census returns for about the year 1840, we should probably find that the growth of population and agricultural stock did not begin till about that year, and consequently that the rate of increase since then has been at least equal to that in Daskroi. The people are unanimous in dating the time from which the district began to grow prosperous at the period when it was drained by Mr. Jordan.
22. Looking at these facts, and at the general prosperous and comfortable condition of the cultivators, I come to the conclusion that the district generally was not over-assessed even before the railway was made and during the long period of low prices, although, owing to the extreme inequality of assessment which I shall presently refer to, many villages were paying much more than their fair proportion of the revenue. It is true that one fact seems to show that the district was over-assessed. The proportion of alienated land to the entire arable area is 50 per cent., but the average proportion of alienated land cultivated to the entire area cultivated is 62 per cent., a proportion, however, which is greatly reduced in the last two or three years included in the diagram. I do not, however, think that this proves the Government land to have been over-assessed, for it is not as if all alienated lands belong to non-cultivating classes. The greater portion of these belong to cultivators, who naturally cultivate their own lands in preference, whatever the assessment of Government Iands may be.
23. If, therefore, the district has hitherto not been over-assessed, it certainly could at present prices, and with the advantage of the railway, pay without difficulty an assessment 40 or 50 per cent. heavier than it now does. There are, however, several reasons which prevent my proposing so large a rate of increase as this-

1st.—It is, I think, excessively doubtful whether present prices will long be maintained. The principal cause of the great rise in prices of late years, is unquestionably the vast amount of treasure which, owing to a variety of causes, has been imported from England into India, and brought into c̈irculation. But as India, in addition to the price of her imports, has annually to pay England large sums, it is obvious that the importation of treasure from England must soon cease, and prices in India fall until the equilibrium of payments is established. And as soon as the importation of treasure ceases, another cause will be always operating to lower prices, the native practice of hoarding, which annually withdraws a large quantity of coid from circulation. For these reasons, although I do not think that prices are likely to fall as low as they, were in 1855, yet I do not anticipate that they will long remain at this present height.

2nd.-Another reason is, the extraordinary inequality of present rates, which makes Mátar the most difficult district to assess satisfactorily that we have yet met with. You will see from the accompanying Satement B that the average dry-crop rate of assessment varies in different villages from Rs. 9-14-8 per acre to Rs. 1-10-6, and there are quite as startling differences within the same village. I'his arises from, as I have before mentioned, the Punches, who were employed to fix the Bigoti rates, having been influenced in their decision rather by the skill of the cultivators, the amount of agricultural stock which they possessed, and very probably by the quantity of alienated land they held with their Government land, than by the quality of the soil. It is true that in Parantij Government permitted me to vary my rafes of assessment with a reference to the agricultural skill and wealth of the cultivators in different villages. But this course, though for particular reasons advisable in Parantij, would not, I think, be admissible in a highly cultivated and populous district like Mátar, and would not, indeed, meet the difficulty, as the skill and capital of the cultivators of the same village vary as much as they do between different villages. Consequently, even if we do not raise the assessment at all, the payments of many cultivators and villages will be more than doubled, merely to equalize it.

3rd.-It must be recollected that the assessment in Dholka and Jeytulpur, the Ahmedabad Districts which border on Mátar, was considerably reduced by the Survey, and that the maximum dry crop rates in the villages of those districts which join Mátar are only Rs. 1-12-0, Rs. 2-0-0, Rs. 2-4-0 and Rs. 2-8-0. I fear, therefore, that great discontent will be caused if we fix the assessment in Mátar at a pitch much heavier than the present one.
24. On a consideration of all these circumstances, and with the expectation that the revenue will soon be considerably increased by the waste lands of Mátar being brought into cultivation under the Survey Settlement (which I have every reason to anticipate, having already received applications from persons desirous of taking up at Survey rates the whole of the waste lands of several villages), I have come to the conclusion that it will be best to raise the general pitch of assessment for the whole district about 10 per cent. Before proceeding to discuss the maximum rates I propose in order to effect this, and the grouping of the villages according to the dry-crop rates, I must briefly explain the method in which the Statement B*, containing the details of the Settlement, has been prepared.
25. In columns 4, 24, and 35 the average rates of assessment on dry-crop, rice, and garden land, according to the present system, are given for each village. These rates have been obtained by taking the whole number of bighials of each kind of land cultivated during 10 years, converting them into acres, and dividing by the acres so obtained the amount realized during the same 10 years on account of each kind of land. The rates thus obtained are only approximately accurate, for the following reasons:-1st. The bigha of cultivation, as shown in the talati's books, has always a tendency to be somewhat larger than a measured bigha, and

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consequently the average rate, calculated according to the measured bigha, $\mathrm{is}^{+}$ rather heavier than the real average rate. 2nd. That in some! villages $I$ have been obliged to exclude cesses from the realization from which the average rate is calculated, owing to the impossibility of determining what proportion of them was incident to Government and what to ahenated lands. This of course makes the averagte rate somewhat lighter than it really is. On the whole, however, the average rates given in the statement are a trife heavier than the real average rate per acre. The extraordinary differences in the average rates of different villages have been already noticed and explained. For the same reasons, viz., that the Bigoti rates were fixed with a reference rather to the position of the cultivator than to the capabilities of the soil, equal discrepancies exist, as you will see, in the aver'age rates of different kinds of land in the same village, so much so that in several villages the average rice and garden rates are lower than the dry-crop.
26. The average rates thus obtained are those applird in columns 5, 25, and 36 to the area of all the numbers shown in the Survey Registers as cultivated which of course includes a certain proportion of waste and fallow land, and the total of these three columns, in column 43, is the estimate rental of that area at present rates. As a check on this, I have entered in column 44, the average realizations, including cesses, from caltivated Government lands during 10 years, and in column 45 the collections for last year, the cesses being entered above, and the amount of the land assessment below.
27. Opposite the columns showing the late average rates, and the assessment according to them, are columns showing the maximum rates I propose (the villages being grouped according to the dry-crop rates), the average rates according to the average classification of each village, and the Survey rental of each kind of land, the total of which in column 46 shows the estimated effect of the proposed settlement. Columns 10 to 22 show the settlement of "Bhátta" and "Dhekuriat" lands, the method adopted for which has been explained in paragraph 11. These lands will be shown as Bagayat in the Survey Akar-bunds; but as their assess ment, according to the late system, is generally brought to account under the head of Jeyrayat, it was necessary for comparison to enter them under that head in the Statement.
28. In column 6 the real average classification annas for dry-crop lands are given, and below them the annas corrected to allow $f$ ir the reduction of rates on lands situated at a distance from the village. In districts hitherto settled, except Parántij, the rate has been lowered one anna in the rupee for lands more than $1 \frac{1}{2}$ mile from the village only. Experience has convinced me that this reduction is not nearly sufficient. I have consequently, in Mátar, adopted a scale by which the assessment is lowered one anna in the rupee for every $\frac{1}{2}$ mile distance from the village; and I anticipate great advantage from this measure, as a high maximum rate will thus not press unduly on the less favburably situated lands.
29. Rice lands, you will see from the statement, have been-assessed on the same principle as that whioh has been already adopted in the Ahmedabad Districts, that of having separate rates for soil and water. For convenience I hate calculated the maximum rice water-rates, and also the maximum rates on Bhatta lands, at 16 annas of classification, although both may be run up by "Goons" to 24 annas. Consequently, the highest rice water-rate that can be imposed, entered in the statement at a maximum of Rs. 4-0-0, is Rs. 6-0-0, and the highest rate for Bhatta lands, entered as Rs. 9-0-0, is Rs. 13-8-0.
30. . have estimated the rental of garden lands watered from permanent wells at double the soil assessment, as the exact figures cannot be given till the Bagayat settlement has been made in detail for each village. This estimate will be sufficiently near, as the maximum rate I propose is the same as that for Daskroi, Rupees 10-0-0.
31. As the variations of climate between different farts of the district are exceedingly trifling, and as I do not think it admissible to take differences in the skill or condition of the cultivators into consideration in fixing maximum rates of assessment, the only difference according to which the grouping of the villages can be regulated, is their relative accessibility with regard to market ; and in determining this we must inquire, not merely what is the distance of each village from its
market-town, but also whether any rivers have to be crossed on the road. For the rivers in Mátar are often impassable during the monsoon, and in the fair weather the fords are so wide and so deep in sand that to pass them is for a leaded cart equivalent to a journey of several miles along a road.
32. The group of villages most favourably situated with respect to mas are those south of the Watrak, from Mokuwa on the north to Lowal on the soutr, and Meluj on the south-west. These villages lie in an irregular triangle between Mehmadabad, Kaira, Mátar, Bussu, and Nadiád, and are none of them more than three or four miles distant from one or other of these markets, and have no rivers to cross to get to them. Unfortunately for our settlement the villages which are now most favourably situated of all, those between Kaira and railway; are just those which are most lightly assessed under the present system. -The next best class of villages are those which lie north and west of the Watrak, and which, though near the markets, are separated from them by that river; and the villages situated worst with respect to markets, are those to the south of the district.
33. I have accordingly divided all the villages of the district into four groups according to the maximum dry-crop rates. The 1st contains the three kusba towns only-Mátar, Kaira, and Mehmadabad, the maximum rate I propose for which is Rs. 4-12-0. The 2nd contains 41 villages, composing the group east of the Watrak above mentioned, except Rudu, which, although it lies west of the Watrak, I have raised a class, as it contains a good bázar. The maximum rate for this class is Rs. 4-8-0. The 3rd class contains 31 villages, being those west of the Watrak (except Rudu, and Kuna, a village in the extreme north, which I'have lowered a class on account of the poverty of its inhabitants, who are all coolies) ; and a few villages lying immediately south of those, is the 2nd class. I have also placed in this class Dewatej, which is close to the market-town of Sojitra, and a group of five villages, lying to the extreme south and separated from the rest of the district, which are near the sea-port town of Cambay, and from being so near the sea are said to have a heavier rain-fall than more northern villages. This class is assessed at a maximum of Rs. 4-4-0. The 4th class assessed at a maximum of Rs. 4-0-0 comprises the remaining 21 villages of the district.
34. The maximum rice water-rates I propose (calculated at 16 annas) vary from Rss-4-0-0 to Rs. 2-8-0, according to the position of the rice-beds of each village with reference to the supply of water. Considering how much heavier the rice-soil rate will be in Mátar than in Jeytulpur, this water-rate will, I am convinced, be quite heary enough. The maximum rate for "Bhátta" lands (also at 16 annas) is Rs. 8-0-0, except in the three kusba towns, in which I have proposed a rate of Rs. $9-0-0$, and in Hurriala, the Bhátta lands of which adjoin those of Kaira, and which will consequently be assessed at Rs. 8-8-0. For the "Dhekuriat," or river-watered lands, I have proposed an uniform maximum water-rate of Rs, 2-0-0, which will produce quite as much as the old fluctuating rate on the "Koss," and have the adtantage of being permanent.
35. The following are the results of the proposed settlement:-

|  | Average Assessment. | Total Assessment. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rs. a. p. | Rs. |
| Average proposed assessment per acre on the cultivated area, as ascertained by the Survey | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 15 & 10 \\ 3 & 15 & 6\end{array}$ | 2,32,122 |
| Average assessment by present rates on the same area | 3156 | 2,30,227 |
| Average assessment by present rates on area cultivated in Samvat 1918, including cesses ... ... ... | 424 | 2,02,100 |
| It must be remembered that a portion of the cesses, which altogether amount to Rs. 8,720 , will be commuted into quitrents on alienated lands. |  |  |
| Average amount by present rates on the average area cultivated during 10 years | 415 | 1,75,388 |

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36. It may be interesting to compare the maximum dry-crop rates here proposed for Mátar, and their anticipated effect, with those adopted for the parganas hitherto settled in Ahmedabad-

37. The measurement and classification of these villages was carried on as shown below :-

STATEMENT showing the result of Measuring operation in the 97 villages of the Matar Pargana.
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | ${ }^{23}$ | 24 |
| 1858.59 to | Mesprs, Boyts and H. Bulkley H. Buikley ... | Mátar - | 97 | 48,573 | 1,49,286 | 9,4411 | 1,68,727 | $96^{\circ}$ | 4,182 | 823 | 13,482 | Pries. | Pies, | 2.73 | 45 | 470 | Pres, | Pies. | 4,455 | 866 | 13,952 | Pies. | Pies. |

38. The general accuracy of the work andithe test to establish the same for both operations is set forth in the statements given below :STATEMENT showingtEe accuraey by Test of Measurements in the 97 villages of the Mátar Pargana.
Season.

STATEMENT showing the accuracy by Test of Classification in tha 97 villages of the Mátar Pargana.

| Season. | By whom suporiatended. | Name of Taluka clasaifigd. | Number of fields submitted to teret. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Be. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 0 & \\ \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ \text { to } & 1 & 6 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Be. a. } & p \\ 0 & 0 & 7 \\ \text { to } & 7 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Bs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ \text { to } & 1 & 6 \\ -0 & 1 & 6 \end{array}$ |  | $\left.\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Bs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 1 & 7 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ |  | $\begin{array}{cccc}\text { R.f. a. } \\ 0 & 2 & \text { p. } \\ \text { to } \\ 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 6\end{array}$ |  | $\left.\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Rs. a. } & \text { p. } \\ 0 & 9 & 7 \\ 0 & a & 0 \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Ris, a. p. } \\ \text { a } 3 . \\ \text { and } \\ \text { Upwards. } \end{gathered}$ |  |
|  |  |  | Sopil. | Water | Soil, | Water | Soil. | Water | Soil. | Water | Soil. | Water | Soil. | Water | Soil. | Water. | Soll. | Water. | Sol. | Water | Soul. | Water. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 1858.59 to 1861.62. | Mesura Beyts and H. Bulkley. | Matar ... | 4,453 | 866 | 2,577 | 519 | 804 | 48 | 767 | 117 | 68 | 146 | 223 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 5 | 21 | 5 | 5 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |
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39. By these statenients it is proved that the work has been performed with great care and precision. The measurement is peculiarly accurate, and reflects great credit on the late Mr. Baker and Mr. Jordan, the error being only $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of an acre per cent.
40. The classification has been thoroughly well done under the supervision of. Mr. Beyts, the average error found being $4 \frac{1}{2}$ pies on the soil and on the water not quite $5 \frac{1}{2}$ pies per field.
41. Both operations will, I trust, appear sufficiently accurate to afford sound and satisfactory basis for the proposed assessment.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient Servant,
> C. J. PRESCOTT, Captain,

Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarát.

## STATEMENT A.

STATEMENT' showing the Rentax, Collectrons, and Remissions on Government and Alienated land in the Mátar Pargana of the Kaira Zillah, from year Samiat 1896 to 1918.


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# Kaira, Collector's Camp, <br> Melmadabad, 23rd Jrnuary 1863. 

1. Revenue Survey Map of Mátar Taluka.
2. Diagram exhbiting the extent of Government land annaally under cultivation for 23 years in ditto.
3. Statement of the Rental, Collections and Remissions on Government and alrenatad land in ditto, from Samvat 1896 to Samvat 1918.
4. Matar Settlement Statement.
accompaniments as per margin, in orisinal, for the consideration and orders of the Revenue Commissioner, N. D.
5. The 97 villages (viz. 95 Government and 2 Tálukdári "under attach-

Paragraph *3-Superficial area of the district. ment"*) which have been surveyed, and into which the Superintendent proposes to introduce this season the revised assessment, contain 169,079 acres, of which 93,356 acres are Government and the remainder alienated. Of the former 74,886 acres and of the latter 74,806 acres (close upon 50 per cent.) are culturable; between $\frac{1}{4}$ th and ${ }_{5}^{1}$ th of the Government culturable land being rice and garden in the proportion of $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of the former to $\frac{1}{4}$ th of the latter.
2. It will be seen that the Superintendent-recommends the following lines Paragraph 7-Roads. of new roads as the best adapted, in his opinion, to meet the requirements of the district:- .
1st. A road from Dholka to Mátar with 2 branches, one to Kaira and Mehmadabad and the other to Nadiád, to meet the railway.
$2 n d$. From Divatej, near Sojitra (a Gáikwár village on the Cambay road) to join the Dholka and Mátar road.
3. The Collector is unable to concur in the opinion Captain Prescott expresses as to the line from Dholka, which he recommends, being preferable to the one which the Collector proposed, now a year since, which was approved by Government and has been ordered to be commenced by the Public Works Department. This line, as far as Vásna (Bujruk) near Mátar, is nearly the same as that recommended by the Superintendent Revenue Survey. It is to be continued thence to the River Watrak, which is to be crossed by a bridge north of Kaira and within a few hundred yards of the Bála Pir Gate, and so on in nearly a straight line to Mehmadabad, the terminus being opposite to the station.
4. The Superintendent is mistaken in supposing that this line passes through the centre of the Jeytulpur rice villages. It might, however, be desirable to connect those villages with the line, by a cleared road made as straight as practicable, to join somewhere between Kaira and Mehmadabad.
\&5. There might also be a branch road of the same description from Mátar, connecting this town and that part of the district with the Mehmadabad road, either at K aira, or passing through the camp and joining it about half way. The present bridge over the Shedhi might,according to the line of-junction road determined upon, be kept where it is, or its position moved lower down the river, either to the confluence of the Shedbi and Wátruk or some place between this and its present site. The railway being now open all the way from Bulsár to Ahmedabad, the Cambay and Baroda roads are not likely to be much used either for merchandize or traffic.
6. If it should be found that the Mátar traffic would go, in preference, to Nadiád, a road connecting the two towns might be cleared to facilitate intercommunication. Considering the more immediate wants of the Kaira Districts in the way of feeders to the railway stations, it would not be possible, for some time at least, even if it were found to be necessary, to undertake more than what is above proposed as regards these junction roads.
7. In these paragraphs the different kinds of soil (paragraph 8 and pro-

Parastraphs 8 and $9-$ Sorl and agricultural products.
ducts paragraph 9) are described. The kinds of soil are described as being of much the same nature as in the Daskroi Districts, but generally superior in fertility,
particularly the "Goradu,** of which the greater portion of the lands of the district are comprised; and as regards the products, besides the ordinary ones common to both, the more valuable crops of safflower and tobacco are grown on the superior gorádu lands in several of the Mátar villages. There is also much land cultivated with "Chássia," or unirrigated wheat, in parts of the district to the south of Kaira.
8. The extent of cultivation by irrigation and the modes and descriptions

Paragraph 10-Irrigation and mode of assessing garden and Bhatta lands. of irrigation resorted to are described in this paragraph. If the natural means, which appear to be available for the purpose of irrigation in this district, in the shape of rivers, tanks, \&c., were turned to proper account, this valuable kind of cultivation might, the Collector believes, be considerably extended
9. . The Collector sees no objection to the plan of water-rates proposed by the Superintendent in paragraph 11. It appears to be in every respect the best adapted to the kind of cultivation, the only one likely to answer in the end; and while it is fair to the cultivators it will benefit and protect the revenue.
10. The mode of assessing garden lands is, Captain Prescott states, in accordance with the instructions contained in the Revenue Commissioner's letter dated 11th April 1860. The bhittia lands, for the reason given, are to be assessed directly at garden rates; lands watered from permanent wells and other lands on which garden products requiring irrigation are grown, the water for which is usually obtained from rivers by means of channels and "Dhekudis," are to be assessed at the dry-crop rates with separate water-rates added, the water rates for the former being calculated according to the capacity of the well, and for the latter according to the distance of each field from the source of supply and the expense of constructing the well.
11. The advantage, as regards these lands, of having the water-rates separate is manifest. The site selected for the "Dhekudi" is generally the bank of the river and as near the edge as possible, and the time it may last, or continue to be of use, depends in a great measure on the duration of the portion of the bank on which it stands or has been excavated. Portions of these banks, particularly those of the Watrak, are constantly falling in during the floods, and the course or channel of the river_is constantly shifting.
12. The Bhátta lands referred to, are not, it appears, those situated in or immediately bordering on the beds of rivers and subject annually to inundations and thus to being washed away during the floods, but lands which at one time formed or adjoined the beds of rivers, the soil of which is a rich loam, forming after the rains into dry cakes. They are extremely fertile and valuable, and, being no longer subject to inundation, the cultivation is not precarious, as is the case with the other Bhatta lands,
13. The important subject of drainage is noticed in paragrapks 12 and 13. There can be no question as to the immense benefit both to the revenue and in a sanitary point of view that attended the measures which appear to have been so skilfully and successfuly carried out by Mr. Jordan, as described by Captain Prescott. The district is, however, still considered very unhealthy, owing chiefty to the bad quality of the drinking water.
14. The Collector would beg strongly to recommend Captain Prescott's proposal that the drains, which it is complained are now filling up, be put into thorough repair, and, further, that they be inspected by some experienced officer of the Public Works Department in view to their being utilized for irrigation, and new ones made if required. To what extent these improvements are practicable, and in what degree they are likely to prove remunerative, could only be properly ascertained by an officer of experience in inquiries of this nature, to be specially deputed for the purpose of examining the localities and reporting on the requirements. The subject is unquestionably an important one, and well deserves the consideration of higher authority.
15. As regards the tract of land noticed in this paragraph as at present a barren waste, the Collector, who has been over, nearly the whole of it, much doubts

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whethēt any benefit would result from any attempt *ade to reclaim or improve it. It forms, the Collector believes, a portion of an extensive salt marsh, now nearly dried up in the fair season, but during the rains a dismal swamp, which was originally covered by the sea or under sea water during the high spring tides, and which extended up to, or nearly up to, the Null and the lesser Runn.
16. The soil of this tract appears to be thoroughly impregnated with a kind of salt termed by the natives "Khar," which, as soon as the ground dries, finds its way to the surface, and covers, it in patches with-what Captain Prescott de-scribes-a "white afflorescence," presenting an appearance, in parts, of ground covered with hoar-frost or a sprinkling of snow. There can be no doubt of the tendency of the "Khár" to encroach on the adjoining lands, and it night prove advantageous to adopt measures to prevent this at least, if it be not considered advisable to try the experiment of reclaiming a portion.
17. The markets are noticed in paragraph 14. However favourably situated in this respect the district may be, the Collector thinks it cannot bear comparison with either Dholka, or Jeytulpur, or Daskroi. The towns of Mátar, Kaira and Mehmadabad are not, the Collector believes, considered to be of much importance as market towns, except for the local consumption of the inhabitants.
18. It will be seen from paragraph 15 that the population (probably of the villages only is meant) is stated to be entirely agricultural, composed chiefly of Kolis, among whom are to be found many as industrious and skilful agriculturists as among the Kunbis. Considering how lawless and good-for-nothing a class of people the Kolis long had the character of being under the former Government and under the British rule, it is satisfactory to find that there has been such a reform in their habits, and that abandoning the profession of robbers they have taken steadily to agriculture as the means of earning an honest livelihood.
19. In paragraphs 17 to 24 the Superintendent considers the pitch of the assessment which has hitherto prevailed, its effects on the population and revenue, the prices of agricultural products, and other particulars contained in the diagram and Statement A.
20. The statistical information given in paragraph 18, as regards the present population, the ploughs, the number of wells in use, compared with the information on the records of the old survey for the same number of villages might, taking into consideration at the same time the apparent steady extension of cultivation, justify the conclusion that the condition of the Mátar villages has considerably improved, but that this improvement has been such as to form a safe basis for the belief that it has been owing entirely to the low pitch of assessment, and that, therefore, looking at the better circumstances of the cultivators and the high prices of the ordinary products, the opening of the railway and other facts, the assessment should be raised, the Collector does not consider by any means clear.
21. The fact that, with the improved condition of the villages, cultivation has, according to the accounts, steadily, though not very rapidly, extended during the last 23 years, while the revenue has been realized without its having been found necessary to grant remissions to any amount to speak of in any year, is no douht evidence entitled to weight in favour of a light assessment, but the Collector does not consider that it is proof of the district having been underassessed.
22. The very object of a revised assessment, such as it is proposed to introduce into the Mátar District, is to better the condition of the cultivators by lightening their burdens when experience has shown that they have pressed heavily upon them, to give a stimulus to the extension of cultivation, where there is much waste land capable of being brought under the plough and to allow of the revenue being realized, in bad as well as in good seasons, without granting remissions. Whether these objects are likely to be attained by raising the assessment in a district, the population of which is composed chiefly of Kolis, and the assessment of which has been pronounced by officers of experience, who have been in charge of the Collectorate, to be heavy, and so heary that were it not for the existence of the alienated lands the revenue never could have been realized, is a matter for the consideration of higher authority.
23. Further, it may beremarked that we have no proof that the apparent spread of cultivation within the last few years has not to a considerable extent been, in reality, concealed cultivation that has been going on for years and brought to account, year by year, as the time approached for the introduction of the Revenue Survey operations when such extensive frauds might be exposed. Another consideration is the existence of the "Asra" bighas, which may be pronounced the "bête noir" of the Revenue Survey; being such, as regards its area, as to make all close and safe calculations founded thereon extremely difficult and uncertain.
24. As regards the population, it certainly would appear to have increased considerably since the last census was taken for the 70 villages, but not to the same extent as in the adjoining district of Jeytulpur. Whether the increase of population has operated and will contiuue to operate favourably, or the reverse, on the condition of the cultivators, would, the Collector conceives, depend upon the extent of culturable waste land that was and is now available and the means of the cultivators of adding to their holdings.
25. From the diagram (comprising 23 years from 1840 to 1863 inclusive),

Note.

1. 14.7 percentage in 23 years in Mátar against 430 in 32 years in Daskrol.
2. Average remissions for the same period, being 166 per cent. of the rental of Government cultivated lands against 6 per cent. in Jeytulpur and 3.64 per cent. in Daskroi.
3. Average realization per cultivated acre of Government land, being in Mátar Rs. 4-1-11 against Rs 5-2-0 in Jeytulpur and Hs. 2-15-0 in Daskroi. which is noticed in paragraph 19 , it might be inferred that the assessment of the villages, to which it refers, cannot be so high as to call for any reduction in the revision. On the contrary, from the fact pointed out that the cultivation has extended in a far greater proportion than in the Daskroi District, while the remissions have been much less, it might be inferred that the assessment would bear being raised; bat when we consider how errors will creep into the best calculations, even when the data are far more reliable than the Superintendent has been able to obtain, that the measurements on which the calculations are mainly based are what is termed " Asra Bighas," that a deal of concealed cultivation which formerly existed has no doubt been brought to account year by year, that the cultivable alienated land equals the Government and that little of it is waste, and that the present high prices may not be long maintained, sufficient ground, the Collector would respectfully submit, exists for questioning the expediency of raising the pitch of assessment.
4. According to the statement referred to in these paragraphs, the average prices for wheat, rice, and bajri in the Ahmedabad

Paragraphs 20 and 21Average prices in the Ahwedabad market. market have doubled since 1856. The question of the probability of a continuance of these high prices is a matter of opinion. The Collector is unable to perceive the ground for assuming that the prices will continue, and is inclined to think they will not be long maintained at the present rates.
27. The Collector is unable to arrive at the same conclusion that the Superintendent has come to (paragraph 22) as regards the pitch of the present assessment. It will be observed that the Superintendent admits that the fact of the large proportion of alienated land under cultivation, viz, 62 per cent,, compared with the Government cultivated land, tends to show that the district has been over-assessed, and the Collector finds that this fact has been repeatedly noticed by some of his predecessors in their Jamabandi and other reports in writing on the subject of the general assessment in the Collectorate. The fact may not in itself amount to proof of over-assessment, but it may, the Collector thinks, be taken as evidence against under-assessment.
28. The Superintendent himself is doubtful on the point, and explains (paragraph 23) how the great rise in prices may, in his opinion, be accounted for in a great measure. The uncertainty as to the present high prices being long maintained and the other reasons urged for not raising the assessment 40 or 50 per cent. are, in the Collector's opinion, conclusive. It remains to be decided whether sufficient ground for raising the assessment at all has been shown.

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29. The Superintendent adhering to his opinion that the district has been under-assessed, and "with the expectation that the revenue will soon be considerably increased by the waste lands being brought under cultivation under the Survey Settlement" (vide paragraph 24), propose to raise the general pitch of the assessment for the whole district about 10 per cent.

Nотe -The proportion of the waste arable area of Govrnment land to the cultivated Government land in 1861-62 will be found to be 35 per cent.
30. Paragraphs 25 to 29 are explanatory of the method in which the Statement B, containing the details of the Settlement, has been prepared, and of the figures in the different columns. The average rates of assessment according to the present system, obtained by the process described, are, it will be observed, considered by the Superintendent to be only approximately accurate. On the whole they are a trifle heavier than the real average rate per acre. The estimated effect of the proposed settlement is shown in column 46 to be, for Government lands entered in the registers as cultivated, Rs. 2,32,122-8, the estimated rental of the waste Government lands Rs. 53,963, and the total estimated rental, or Survey Kumal Rs. 2,86,085-8. According to existing rates the estimated rental of the area shown as cultivated in the registers is Rs. 2,30,226-12.
31. It will be seen from paragraph 28 that it is proposed to lower the assessment for lands distant from the village according to a scale of one anna in a rupee for every $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of distance from the village The effect of this will be to modify the pressure of the high maximum rates on the more distant or less favourably situated lands as shown by the corrected annas below the real classification annas in column 6, the corrections being necessary to allow for the proposed reduction of rates.*
32. It will be seen (paragraph 36) that the maximum dry-crop rates proposed for Mátar are from Rs. 4-12 to Rs. 4-0. The highest in the Ahmedabad Districts are those in Daskroi, and these are from Rs. 3-12 to Rs. 2-8, the reduction being 10 per cent., while in Mátar the increase is 10 per cent. In Jeytulpur, which adjoins Mátar, the maximum rates are from Rs. 2-12 to Rs. 2, and in Dholka, which is separated by the Sabarmati River, they are from Rs. 2-4 to Re. 1.
33. The average proposed assessment per acre on the cultivated area as ascertained by the Survey is (vide paragraph 35) Rs. $\mathbf{3}-15-10$, while the average amount by present rates on the average area cultivated during 10 years is Rs. 4-1-6.
34. The maximum rice water rates for lands watered from wells (pucka) and tanks proposed, vary from Rs. 4 to Rs. 2-8-0 according to the position of the rice-beds of each village with reference to the supply of water (ride paragraph 34), and for Bhátta lands Rs. 8, except in the 3 Kasba towns, in which a rate of Rs. 9 is proposed, and in the village of Hurriala, which is situated on the river opposite to Kaira, Rs. 8-8-0. For the "Dhikuriet," or river-watered lands, an uniform maximum water rate of Rs. 2 is proposed.
35. It will be seen from the explanation given in paragraph 29, that the 16anna classification, according to which the maximum rice water and Bhatta lands rates are calculated, may be summed up to 24 annas, and that, consequently, the highest rice water, rate that can be imposed is Rs. 6, and the highest rate for Bhátta lands Rs. 13-8-0.
36. The paragraph above referred to not being very clear, the Collector, in the absence of the Superintendent Revenue Survey, referred to the Settlement Officer, and Mr. Pedder in his reply further explained that the classification of rice water rates when it is very good indeed, e. g., when 2 crops a year can be raised, may be summed up to 24 annas, and similarly the classification of Bhatta lands when both the soil and the water supply are very superior, but that ordinarily the maximum classification is 16 annas, and that all the rates have been calculated at this, in order to make a set of tables for calculation available for all rates.

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37. In paragraphs 31 'to 33 the Superintendent explains the circumstances
the consideration of which has regulated the grouping of villages. The villages, it will be seen, are divided into four classified groups, according to the maximum drycrop rates and only distinguished in the map, which

Nore- Class 3 Kasba towns
2nd ditto the group of villages east of the Watrak.
3rd ditto the group west of the Watrak (except Rurn and Kuna, a village to the extreme north) and a few villages lying south of them in the 2nd Class; also Dewatej and a gronp of 5 villages lying to the extreme south
4th Class the remaining 21 villages of the district. accompanies the report by different colours. The villages most favourably situated with respect to markets are considered to be those south of the Watrak, from Mukuwa on the north to Luwal on the south and Meluj on the south-west, and the next best class of villages are those which lie north and west of the Watrak. The maximum dry-crop rates in the different groups will be seen to be as follows :-

38. As regards the rates proposed for rice and garden lands, the Collector considers them to be fair upon the whole. Those for the rice lands, which are inferior to the rice lands in Jeytulpur while the culture is, if any thing, more precarious and quite as expensive, are perhaps somewhat heavy. He is not, however, convinced of the fairness of the maximum dry-crop rates, and is not of opinion that sufficient ground has been shown for raising the present rates at all. The Collector does not consider that a valid reason for keeping high rates up is to be found in the present state of prices.
39. The reasons urged by the Superintendent'appear to be the apparent general improvement in the condition of the cultivators, the increase of population and agricultural stock, the greater number of wells found to be in use, the extension of cultivation notwithstanding the low prices that ruled prior to 1857, the superior quality of the dry-crop soil in Mátar compared with that in the Daskroi District, the more valuable products grown on the better kinds of this land, viz., safllower and tobacco, and the advantage in prospective of the railway as a means of exporting the surplus grain and other products.
40. The Collector has already expressed his opinion as to the probability of the present high prices being long maintained, and of the different reasons urged by the Superintendent for raising the rates of assessment. As regards the railway, the Collector is inclined to think that too great importance is attached to the advantage likely to be derived from it as far as the cultivators in the Mátar villages are concerned. The probable effect of the railway on prices will most likely be to equalize them throughout the country in due course. Whether prices will be high or low in particular districts, or parts of the country, will depend principally on the general demand and supply. If the supply increases, as it probably will in districts into which the Revenue Survey Assessment has been introduced, and proves to be in excess of the demand, the prices will fall unless other reasons which cannot be foreseen operate to keep them up.
41. It is true, as will be seen from the statement, that several villages,

Nore.-Thishas been pointed out to the Collector by the Settlement Officer
which are apparently as prosperous as any, and do not show any sign of over-assessment, have, during the long period of low prices, been paying a heavier assessment than that which is now proposed; and it might be argued from this that if such is the case with these villages, why not the same as regards other villages with equal advantages? If it can be shown that in such villages a large proportion of the Government assessment has not been paid from the produce of alienated lands, the force of the argument might at once be admitted.
42. It will be satisfactory to Government to learn from paragraphs 39 and 40 of the Superintendent's letter, that the measurement is considered by him to be
peculiarly accurate, and that the classification has been very carefully done, the latter under the supervision of Mr. Beyts.

J. W. HADOW,<br>Collector.

## No. 368 of 1863.

To'ter COLLECTOR of KAIRA.
Camp Hursole, 7th February 1863.
SIR,-I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your memorandum No. 77, dated 23 rd ultimo, forwarding a report from the Su -

No. 542, dated 31st December 1862. perintendent of Gujarat Survey, proposing rates for the Mátar Pargana.
2. Your observations and those of Captain Prescott on the subject of roads will be separately considered. It is sufficient

Paragraph 7 of Captain Prescott's report.
Paragraphs 2 to 6 of Collector's memorandum. in this place to record my opinion that the success of the proposed settlement must very much depend on the opening out of markets by the railroad, and, therefore, it will be imperatively necessary to sanction, as soon as the new settlement is introduced, a considerable expenditure for the, purpose of connecting the chief groups of villages with railway stations and trunk roads.
3. The treatment of Bhátta and irrigated lands proposed in Captain Prescott's 11th paragraph appears based on sound principles, and is a great improvement on the mode of assessment formerly applied by the Gajarit Survey to these lands.
4. The important subject of drainage, discussed in. Captain Prescott's 12th and following paragraphs, demands early attention. A copy of his remarks, and of the portion of your memorandum relating to them, will be forwarded to Colonel Bell, with ar request that he will direct the Executive Engineer to survey the country next season, and ascertain what works are required to secure the stability of the revenue and the healthiness of the districts. I hope that an officer will shortly be appointed to the exclusive charge of the Kaira Districts, and the drainage of this district should be one of the first objects to engage his attention.
5. Captain Prescott's statement of the past revenue management shows how closely connected with the assessment on Government land is the system of extra cesses falling on alienated land. I have expected for some time a report on this subject from the Assistant Settlement Officer, Mr. Pedder, and it will tend very much to the satisfactory settlement of the táluka if the alienated lands. can be settled at the same time, so as to fix definitely the amount of future payments.
6. I do not see that the proportion of cultivation in alienated lands can be

Paragraph 22-of Captain taken as a test of the pressure of the present Government ássessment. Lands which pay no land tax will, of course, find cultivators before the lands which are Prescott's report. assessed, and I come to the conclusion from Captain Prescott's report that the present assessment is not heavy on the whole taluka; but that it is so unequal, and the pressure is in some villages so severe, that a general idea of over-assessment may easily be formed by a Collector or other local officer accustomed to hear frequent complaints from the over-assessed villages.
7. It must be borne in mind, again, that the railway is just opened, and that the traffic on it is as yet hardly developed. There is no doubt but that it will place the Mátar Táluka in an advantageous position in respect to large markets, and that the increase in prices must to some extent be maintained owing to this cause, even if the cotton crisis and other circumstances temporarily affecting prices cease to operate.
8. Although, therefore, it would have been unwise had Captain Prescott calculated on the permanent maintenance of the present high prices, I think he would needlessly have sacrificed Government revenue had he considered the district solely in reference to the past, and disregarded entirely its future prospects.
9. I quite feel with you that there is a difficulty owing to the very reduced rates fixed by the Survey in neighbouring tálukas, but the revision of the Dhunduka rates has already been ordered, with a view to their being raised, and although the guarantee has been given in Dholka, it remains to be seen whether the rates of Jeytulpur and Daskroi will be guaranteed by Government. And if a mistake has been made in the Ahmedabad Collectorate it would be perpetuating it through the whole of Gujarát if we were not to correct it now, when the first táluka of a new collectorate is being brought under assessment.
10. You state your impression that the maximum rates are too high, but you do not point out how you would amend them. You probably found a difficulty in recommending any rate sufficiently low to prevent an increase in any villages without, at the same time, unduly reducing the receipts in villages already lowered. It is this great inequality in the present assessment that renders'the revision of Mátar so difficult. Captain Prescott has commented on it, and I have satisfied myself that a general reduction of the maximum rate would not benefit materially the villages which the proposed assessment will raise, while it will lessen the receipts from a large number of villages, the realization in which are already lowered considerably by the application of the proposed maximum.
11. For the reasons given by Captain Prescott I believe, after making

Paragraph 28. further inquiry, that his new scale for distance from
further inquiry, that his new scale for distance from this new scale will lower materially the average of the proposed maximum rates when applied to the classification.
12. After very careful consideration of the subject I am of opinion that Captain Prescott's rates are equitable, and there is only one point on which modification is desirable. This alteration will, I trust, to a great extent remove the doubts you express regarding the rise in the assessment.
13. In conversation with Captain Prescott I stated my belief that he had not given sufficient weight to the fact, that villages inhabited wholly by Kolis, or wild tribes, are not to be classed with those in which other castes chiefly reside; even if the soil, climate, and accéss to markets be in all

Extract paragraphs 51 to 57 of Report No. 2 of 31st January 1861. respects the same. I have since seen some remarks by Captain Prescott in settling the Parántij assessment, which seem so appropriate that I append them to this letter as bearing on the point. In writing on the same subject Captain Prescott has also stated-
"That the principle of grouping laid down in paragraph 67 of the joint Report, is the only sound one, no person is more fully convinced than myself, but at the same time I am satisfied that, in a country where class

Paragraph 4 of letter No. 7 of 7th March 1861. rates have prevailed from time immemorial, violent changes must be introduced with caution."
14. These observations are practical and sound; and although it is true that they do not apply in Mátar to the same extent as in Parántíj, yet I cannot believe that the difference is so great that we should disregard them altogether.
15. It is quite possible that the grouping proposed by Captain Prescott is correct, and the classification unimpeachable; still, if the results are such that a village inhabited chiefly by Kolis, and hitherto under-assessed, has now to pay more than twice its former amount, it will not be for the advantage of the State suddenly to enforce its just dues; and I would, therefore, in all such cases impose a special lower rate, on the ground that the increase which should be made is too sudden and too heavy. It is sometimes found that a village held by Desais, or
by other influential persons, is suddenly raised by a revision of assessment. To such my observations do not apply; but the villages in Mátar are not of this description: they have hitherto enjoyed lower rates, because, in the opinion of their neighbours, the character of their cultivation and of their population was not such as to admit of the rates appropriate to the rest of the district. As Captain Prescott well observed in regard to Parántíj, changes in the system must be gradual, and I have, therefore, to request that the Superintendent will lower the rates in the villages 1 to 14 mentioned in the accompanying statement.
16. These villages should not be removed from the class in which Captain Prescott has placed them, so that at any future revision they may be assessed according to the grouping, which, after mature consideration, he has adopted. They should be entered at a special rate on the ground that the increase must be levied by degrees and not all at once, a reason which I consider sufficient to justify the new principle which I propose to apply.
17. The villages which I have selected, are those in which the increase is more than 50 per cent., and a deduction is proposed with a view to bring the increase within that percentage. I think Captain Prescott will see that although the increase may have been abstractedly proper, his settlement is more likely to succeed by the adoption of an exceptional, but suitable, rate than by the strict enforcement of inapplicable rules.
18. If there be any other villages in which on calculation the increase is likely to bear hardly on the cultivators, I beg that Captain Prescott will lower the village a class. The final grouping should be reported.
19. I believe that by these means a sufficient measure of relief will be afforded to the villages which it is proposed to raise; but to lower the maximum rates generally would not materially affect the villages raised most, while it would cause a great loss of revenue in villages which are already reduced under the settlement.
20. Many of these are lowered considerably. I would especially request the Superintendent to examine carefully the classification and other details of the villages marked Nos. 19, 20 and 21 in the accompanying Statement; and regarding the four Nurwadári villages, inquiry should be made to ascertain that no land alienated by the Nurwadarrs, without authority and unrecognized by Government, has been omitted from the calculation for assessment. The Superintendent will satisfy himself in regard to all these villages before introducing the rates.

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21. The report of the classification and measurement is very satisfactory and creditable to the officers named.
22. Pending a decision by Government on the mode of settlement to be introduced into Nurwadári villages, the mode of settlément adopted in Kuburthul may be temporarily introduced into the four Nurwa villages of this táluka.
23. Care should be taken, when the final confirmation of Government is applied for, not to guarantee the rates in the two tálukdári villages under attachment.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient Servant,
> B. H. ELLIS,
> Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

Statement showing the Villages in the Mátar Taluka of Kaira, in which special rates of Assessment should be fixed.

B. H. ELLIS,

Revenue Commissioner's Camp,
Revenue Commissioner; N.D. Hursole, 7th February 1863.

Extract paragraphs 51 to 57 from al etter from Captain Prescott, Superintendent Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarát, to the Collector of Ahmedabad, No. 2, dated 31st January 1861.
" 51 . But I have already directed your attention to the considerable difference in present average rates which exists between villages similar in situation and in fertility. These rates, it must be borne in mind, were fixed by "Punches" well acquainted with the requirements of the country, have worked well, and are generally admitted by natives to be fair. They may, therefore, I think, to a certain degree, be admitted as a guide in fixing survey rates. The considerations which influenced the punches in fixing these rates, appear to have been independently of the general fertility of the soil, and of the situation of the village, the quantity of waste land, the agricultural skill of the inhabitants, and the means they possessed for successful cultivation; and since they fixed a higher rate for "Kunbis" than for other castes, as the former were considered, from their greater skill in agriculture, able to obtain larger returns from the land than the latter, it followed that in villages where a large portion of the inhabitants are "Kunbis," the average rates are higher than in other villages.
"52. Now in fixing an uniform rate for each mahál if I were to pitch it at an amount which should make the average rates approximate to those now paid by the more highly assessed and better class of villages, I should run a considerable risk of throwing much land in the inferior villages out of cultivation, and of driving the coolie population back into those predatory habits which they have only of late years abandoned to occupy themselves in agriculture. If, on the con.
trary, I were to fix an uniform rate, corresponding with the rates now paid by the villages more lowly assessed, I should unnecessarily sacrifice much Government revenue.
" 53, It may be urged that the same arguments would justify me in fixing two different rates, according to the caste of the cultivators, in the same village. This, however, even if it were admissible, I do not consider to be requisite. The bulk of the agricultural population in each village is usually of the same caste, and if a few coolies live in a Kunbi village and cannot manage to acquire some of the thrifty habits and skill in agriculture of their neighbours they can easily remove to a village where a lower rate of assessment will permit their inferior skill to derive a profit from the cultivation of the land.
" 54 . The force of the arguments contained in the 67 th paragraph of the joint report, I fully admit. But the difference in the rates I have proposed is not so great as will ever induce Kunbi cultivators to desert their own villages for the purpose of taking up waste lands in villages belonging to a Iower class: while as the latter are usually those villages which contain much waste, the low rate at which this may be obtained will act as an inducement to cultivators belonging to foreign territory to settle in them.
${ }^{〔} 55$. These considerations have induced me to propose the distribution of villages, the details of which you will find in Statement B. The first class in Parántíj includes the kasba itself, to villages, Nos. 4 and 6, southward of it, on the road to Ahmedabad and not far from the town of Sadra,
 and a group of very fine villages with small markets in two of them, north-east,
and not far from Parántíj. All these villages contain a considerable proportion and not far from Parantij. All these villages contain a considerable proportion
of kunbis, and nearly the whole of the arable lands, except in Ghurrie, being in cultivation, the loss of revenue occasioned by a reduction of the rates could not be made up by increased cultivation.
"56. The second and most numerous class of villages consists of those around Parantij, of those situated to the south as far as the frontier of the Dhegaum pargana, and of those situated north-east and east of Parántíj, near Ghurrie, and other villages of the first class, these being all average villages where the inhabitants are generally well off, tolerably favourably situated with respect to markets, and containing comparatively little arable waste.
"57. The last class of villages comprise those on the outskirts of the pargana, mostly at a considerable distance from any market, and of a few very poor and inferior villages scattered among those of the second class. One village, Talod, No. 51, ought, from its position, to have been included in the second class. I have lowered it and one or two other villages similarly situated on account of the poverty of the inhabitants, the low average rate of assessments which now prevails, and the quantity of waste arable land."
(True extract.)
J. F. FERNANDEZ,

Assistant Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

No. 546 OF 1863.

## From

## Captain C. J. PRESCOTT,

Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarát;

To
J. W. HADOW, Esquire,

Collector of Kaira.
Superintendent's Office,
Camp Tïthul, Pargana Bulsár, Zilla Surat, 21st November 1863.

## SIR,

In continuation of my letter to your address, No. 542, dated 31st December 1862, containing proposals and estimates for the revision of assessment, on Revenue Survey principles, in the Mátar Táluka of your Collectorate, I have now the honour of submitting, for your information, and for transmission to the Revenue Commissioner, N.D., the accompanying statement, from which you will see the real effect of the Survey Settlement.
2. I must, however, premise that, in accordance The Collector of Kaira, with the Revenue Commissioner's letter, marginally No. 668 , dated February 7th,
1863 , paragraphs 15 to 20 . the following villages :-


In consequence of this reduction of rates, and also, to some degree of error in the estimates (which it is impossible to avoid), you will perceive that the "Kumal" or total assessment, of the Government lands of the district is Rs. 2,72,111-8-0 instead of Rs. $2,86,085-8-0$, the sum originally estimated.
3. The following table gives the total assessment, at Survey rates, of all descriptions of land :-

Abstract of accompanying General Statement.

4. The following is an Abstract of the "Wasul Báki Patraks," or Jamábandi statements of the different villages, from which you will see the total difference between the revenue of the district under the former and that according to the Survey system :-

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5. The above statements will not, it is hoped, need much explanation. Some points, however, require notice.
6. The more important differences between the 1 st, or general, statement, and the estimates given in the statement accompanying my letter No. 542 of 1862 are thus accounted for-
(a)-The reasons of the difference between the "Kumal," or total assessment, of Government lands given in the original estimates, Rs. 2,86,085-8, and that now given, Rus. 2,72,111-8, have been explained in paragraph 2 above.
(b)-The difference between the total assessment of Government cultivated lands shown in the original estimate, Rs. 2,32,122, and that now given Rs. $2,41,896-2$, is chiefly caused by the quantity of waste land taken up for cultivation in anticipation of the survey, since the registers on which the estimates were founded were prepared by the Classing Assistants.
(c)-The reason why the total assessment of Government cultivated "Kuetur", or lands watered from wells, is here shown as Rs. 14,940-15 against Rs. 21,547 in the estimate, is, that all Government lands whatever at any time irrigated from wells were entered as "Bagayat" in the registers from which the estimates were prepared, whereas only those irrigated by right, or the owners of which also owned the wells, are now entered as "Kuetur Bagayat". It is more difficult to make a fair estimate of the assessment of land watered from wells than of that of any other sort of land, it being nearly impossible to judge of the effect of proposed rates till the well settlement has actually been made and worked out.
7. The reason of the discrepancy of Rs. $824-12$ between column 12 of the 1st and column 9 of the 2nd table is as follows:-There are in the village of "Kuna" "certain lands belonging to "Charuns", assessed at that amount by the survey, which had never been mensured by the old survey, and which, according to the late system, paid nothing to Government, and were not shown at all in the books either as Government or as alienated. When the survey was in progress the question arose how these lands were to be entered, and after the correspondence, marginally noted, you decided that they should be by Ending with Gujarati the survey entered as Government, and their assess. $n$ shera," from the Collector of ment, pending the summary settlement, annually of July 1863 ,
deducted according to the 15 th of Blane's village forms. These lands will not probably have to be entered as alienated, and their assessment deducted from the "Kumal" of Government lands.
8. In the 2nd table the principal points requiring explanation are the following:-
(a)-Column 3.-The increase of assessment of Government cultivated lands, according to the late system, from Rs. 193,379 in A.D. 1861-62 (vide column 45 of the Statement accompanying my letter No. 542 of 1862) to Rs. 2,02,765-13-9 in A.D. 1862-63, arises partly from increase of cultivation from waste lands having been taken up in anticipation of the survey, and partly from the "Pahani-Putruks" and other "Jamabandi" papers having been prepared in accordance with the instructions conveyed in the letter marginally noted, by paragraphs 6,7 and 8 of which, in computing the assessment according to
From Reyenue Commisszoner to A. Rogers, Esq., Settlement Officer, No. 2462 of the 13th of December 1859. the late system for the year of settlement, the measured or real bigha, in cases in which the revenue varied with the area actually cultivated, is to be substituted for the "Asra " or estimated bigha, according to which the revenue has usually been levied hitherto. As the Asra bigha is almost always larger than the real one, it follows that the assessment according to the late system, as here shown, is proportionately larger than it would have been had the papers been prepared as formerly.
(b)—Column 5.-In paragraph 24, of my letter No. 542 of 1862, I estimated the increase in the pitch of assessment of the lands actually in
cultivation in the whole district to be, at the rates I proposed, about 10 per cent. The actual figures, Rs. $2,12,330$ according to the survey system, against Rs. 2,02,766, according to the old system, show an increase of nearly 5 per cent. only. But, as explained above, the revenue according to the late system is shown as larger than it would otherwise have been, owing to the substitution of the measured for the Asra bigha in the accounts. This increase may, I think, fairly be set down at 3 per cent. at least. And (vide paragraph 2 above) my proposed rates in 14 villages were lowered by the Revenue Commissioner, N. D.; my original estimate, therefore, will be found to be very nearly correct.
(c)-Columns 6 and 7.-Theassessment of waste lands included in numbers partially cultivated has, in accordance with the letter marginally noted, been included, in the

Revenue Commissioner, N. D., to Superintendent, No. 30-46 of 16th December 1862. "Wussul Bakee Putruks," in assessment according to the survey system, and the comparison between the sums payable under the two systems made accordingly. The total assessment realizable under the new settlement is, therefore, Rs. 2,41,071 or an increase over the assessment under the old system of about 18 per cent. From this increase, however, a deduction must be made on account of "Ilaedi" lands (vide paragraph 10 below).
(d)-Columns 13, 14.-The following are the principal causes of the increase, Rs. 8,720-7-4, in the amount of the fixed survey Salami as compared with the total of imposts of various kinds (except cesses) on alienated lands under the old system :-

1st.-Increase in the assessment of lands entered as paying "Kumal Dur," or full rates (vide paragraph 123 below).
$2 n d .-$ Surplus assessment according to the late system of Gov. ernment "Khatabandi" lands thrown as a new Salami on alienated lands held with them (vide paragraph 10 b below).
$3 r d$.-The conversion of a portion of the cesses payable under the late system into a fixed Salami on alienated lands held now or originallye by persons liable to them (vide column 15).

4th - The change of the "Asra" into the measured "Bigha" in reckoning the amount of fixed "Bigoti Salamies" (vide memo. of Revenue Commissioner N. D.' s No. 612 A, dated April 25th, 1863, to Superintendent, paragraph 3.)
(e) - Columns 19, 22.-Cesses have been separately shown, as they could not fairly be included in the assessment either of Government or of alienated land solely.
( $f$ )-Column 35.-The item here entered is on account of over-collections of quit-rents and other imposts on holdings of alienated lands,referred to in paragraphs 2 and
From Revenue Commissioner, N. D, to Collector of Kaira, No. 2128, dated July 28 h, 1863. 4 of the letter marginally noted, and you have been requested (vide my letter No. 330 A of 21 st July 1863) to permit one of your Assistants to refund this amount to the persons entitled to receive it as soon as the fair season commences.
(g)-Columns 36 and 41.-The collections and balance here shown are as they stood as the settlement of each village was made. On the 31st July the outstanding balance was Rs. 48,637-3.2, the whole of which has, I expect, been by this time recovered.
9. I will now proceed to notice some other points to which it is needful to call your attention.

## 10. Government lands-

(a)-Columns 12, 23, and 34 of the 1st table, and columns 2, 3, 8 and 9 of the 2nd table, include the area and assessment

Vide paragraph 65 of Mr . Pedder's report No. 3, dated April 14th 1863, on the commutation of cesses and quitrents in Matar. of what are called "Sirkari Ilaedi," or sometimes "Sirkari Maf" lands, which, according to the late system, although entered as Government and their assessment, if any, credited under the head of assessment of Government lands, yet really paid
rates usually lower than those of other Government lands, and were occasionally entirely free. My Assistant, Mr. Pedder, enquired into the nature of the tenure on which this kind of land is held in some of the villages in the Jeytulpur District of Ahmedabad, which were transferred from Kaira. It would seem that these lands were originally entered as alienated, and were noticed and resumed at different times; in many cases, prior to the passing of the regulations of 1827, under the old regulation I. of 1820. They may be roughly classified, according to the nature of the decision of resumption in each case, under 3 heads :-

1st.-Those cases in which the decision was simply that the land should be entered as Government, and pay certain rates, or certain rates pending further orders.
$2 n d$.-Those in which certain rates only were to be levied during the life of certain persons.
$3 r d$.—Those in which certain rates only were to be always levied. I propose, if you approve, to direct Mr. Pedder to enquire, during the ensuing.cold season, into the tenure of "Ilaedi" lands in "Mátar" and "Muhunda" and to classify them under the above heads. This enquiry will not, I think, take much time or trouble, as I hope the original orders of resumption will generally be forthcoming. The lands should then be dealt with in the following manner :-

1st Class.-The lands should at once be entered as simply Government, and the full survey rates levied.

2nd Class.-If the persons, on whose lives the partial exemption depends, are dead, the lands should be treated as in the 1st Class. If they still survive, the difference between the full assessment and present rates should, until their death, be annually deducted according to the 15th of Blane's village forms.

3rd Class.-These lands should, I think, be entered as alienated, their present assessment plus any portion of cesses, swadios, \&c., which may fall upon them, entered as "Salami;" and the difference between this and the full survey assessment shown as "Nuksan," or net value of the alienation. It will then become a question for higher authority to decide, whether the holders of these lands should be offered the summary settlement, or whether the lands are to be considered as exempt from its operation under Section VIII. of the Act, as having already been adjudicated.
"Ilaedi" and "Sirkari Mafi" lands were, in the "Wussul Baki Putruks," kept distinct both from Government and from alienated holdings, and entered under a special heading. Their total area and assessment, contrasted according to the 2 systems, is given in the following table for the Mátar District:-

| Villages. | Iate Sysiem. |  | Survey Sybtem. |  | Increase of Assessment caused by Survey. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Acres. | Rupees of Assessment. | Acres, | Rupees of Assessment. |  |
| 30 | 783.26 | 52277 | 791.23 | 3,039 130 | 2,51755 |

What portion of this increase of assessment can be recovered, and what will have to be finally shown as "Nuksan," cannot of course be known till after an enquiry. The amount finally settled as "Nuksan" must, of course, be deducted from the "Kumal" of Government lands in column 34 of Statement No. 1.
(b).-" Khatabandi" Lands.- The nature of the tenure on which these lands are held was fully reported on by Mr. Pedder in the 62 nd and following paragraphs of his report No. 3 of 1863 , and the orders of the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., thereon contained in the 3rd and following paragraphs of his memorandum No. 707 A , dated May 8 th, 1863 , have been, with an

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exception which I will notice immediately, strictly"carried out in their settlement. Very few persons made any objection, at the time of settlement, to the excess of assessment on the Government lands of holdings under this tenure being thrown as a quit-rent on the alienated lands held with them, and though it is probable that next year, when the increased Salamies have to be paid, a good many persons will petition against them, yet experience has convinced me of the fairness of the plan of settlement proposed by Mr. Pedder, and sanctioned by the Revenue Commissioner, and I trust that it may not be interfered with. The exception I was about to mention is the following :-In the 8th paragraph of his memorandum, No. 707 A. of 1863 , the Revenue Commissioner expressed an opinion that in "Nurwa" villages, the assessment of the Nurwa lands of which is reduced by the survey settlement, a portion of the reduction may be thrown on alienated lands held by Nurwadars. In all the Nurwa villages of Mátar, however, such alienated lands belong, not to the "Nurwa" but to the Muzmun portion of the village, and have, consequently, been "formally separated and separately assessed" under the late system. I have not, therefore, thought it right to impose on them any portion of the excess. If I am wrong in this, the error can be corrected next season. The total - amount of increase of "Salamies," caused by excess of assessment on Government " Khatábandi" lands, is Rs. 4,462-11-1.
(c)-Assessment of Garden Lands.-The mode of assessing these lands, proposed in the 11th paragraph of my letter No. 542 of 1862, was strictly adhered to in the settlement. It has been found to answer very well, and in particular the mode of assessing lands irrigated from permanent wells by a rate distinct from the dry-crop assessment, and calculated according to the capacity and quality of the well, has been found in practice hoth less troublesome in the original settlement, more satisfactory in results, and easier in administration, than the old mode of a separate fixed gardern rate. In cases where lands assessed only at dry-crop rates are hereafter found to be irrigated from "Dhekuries" in rivers, I have arranged that a rate of Rs. 8-0-0 on each bag used to lift the water shall be levied. Such cases, however, will, I hope, be rare.
(d) - Waste Lands.-I shall notice hereafter the eagerness of the people to take up waste lands. Nearly all the waste lands of Mátar have for many years been used for the pasturage of the village cattle, and, consequently, the people were excessively unwilling to permit them to be taken up for cultivation. By the Government order No. 14, page 354, and No. I, paragraph 6, page 416 of the printed Revenue Circular Orders, only those lands in the vicinity of the village, on which the cattle usually stand, are to be reserved free of assessment for the use of the villagers. Such spots have been accordingly so entered in the "Pheisul-Patruks." In all other cases, where persons have petitioned to take up waste lands now used as common pastures, the villagers have first been given the option of keeping these for their cattle on payment of the survey assessment, and where they have agreed to this, the names of the "Mátádars" of the village have been entered as survey occupants, with a note that they agree on behalf of the village to pay the assessment of the land as common pasture.
(e)-Entry of the names of survey occupants.-Very great eagerness was shown by all classes of cultivators to get their names entered as survey occupants of lands either in their possession, or to which they conceived themselves to have some right, and, especially in the case of lands held on the "Khatábandi" tenure, it was often diticult to decide whose name ought to be entered. The "Khatedar" in whose name the lands were found to be standing, had often been long dead, and the fields comprised in the holding were either divided among his heirs according to the rules of inheritance, or had passed into the possession of other persons, sometimes purchasers or mortgagors, sometimes mere tenants, and sometimes those who had taken up the lands from the "Talati" when the original holders were unable to cultivate the entire. holding and pay its full assessment. The case is complicated by the existence of a custom, similar to that which prevails regarding "Miras" lands in the Deccan, by which the original
holder of " Khatábandi" lands is supposed to have the right of reclaiming them after several years' dispossession. The course I follow in these cases was, when the lands were divided among the heirs of the original holder, to enter their names according to actual possession, or in case, as often happened, they cultivated jointly, and could not agree about a division, to enter the name of the nearest heir; and when the lands were in the possession of other persons, to enter the name of the original holder or of his heir only when he appeared to retain some beneficiary interest in the land, and in other cases that of the actual possessor, referring the other party to the Civil Court to establish his right, if he had one.
11. Alienated lands.-The settlement of quit-rents, cesses, \&c., on alienated lands directed by the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., in his memoranda No. 612 A and No. 707 A of 1863, has, with one exception, which I will mention immediately, been strictly carried out, and there are only one or two points which call for further notice.
12. (a)-"Maliat Swadios."-This is the exception alluded to above. I am not certain whether I have correctly understood paragraph 11 of the Revenue Commissioner's memorandum No. 707 A of 1863 , but I interpret it to mean, that whenever' alienated lands are liable to pay "Maliat Swadios," but no "Swadio" has actually been paid within the series of years on which the averages are calculated, the liability is to be commuted by the imposition of a certain fixed "Salami." This course, I would respectfully submit, is hardly fair. For lands entered in the village hooks as liable to "Maliat Swadio" often can never grow Maliat crops, either from their being real dry-crop lands, or from their being irrigated by salf.wells. The mode of settlement I have adopted is as follows, and I trustere may be approved:-

1st.-In all lands in which "Maliat Swadio,"has actually been levied, the annual average amount so levied durito the Issit 12 yxears has been imposed as a permanent quit-rent, provided it doés nöt, exceed the survey assessment.

A Swadio, but it has not been levied during 12 years, $\frac{1}{2}$ of the higheat "Swadio" payable for one year has been imposed as a permanent quata" rent.

3rd.-When the lands are "Dhekuriet," or river-watęzed gairden lands, and the "Swadio" has not been levied, the water assesswertion the land (vide paŗagraph 11, clause 3 of my letter No. 512 of 1862) has been imposed as a permanent quit-rent.

4th. -When the lands are irrigated from sweet wells, and the "Swadio" has not been levied, ${ }_{12}^{1}$ of the "Kussur" on that well has been imposed as a permanent quit-rent.

5 th. -If the lands are entered as dry-crop, and the "Swadio" has not been levied, in case of a "Maliat " crop being hereapfer raised by water from a river, the same rate, Rs. 8-0-0, on the bag used to lift the water, is to be levied as in similar Government lands.

6th. - The liability of all other lands has been remitted.
(b).-" Kumal Dur? Lands -There is a considerable quantity of alienated land in Mátar which is entered as paying the "Kumal Dur," or full Government rate, and on account of which no "Nuksan" or loss of reveue is shown in the accounts. Many, of these lands were really assersed at full rates, and in some cases their payments have been actually reduced by the full survey assessment being imposed as a quit-rent. But in many others the rates were really lower than those on similar Government lands. In all these cases I have imposed the full survey assessment as a quit-rent, as I considered that I was not justified in showing, on my own authority, a "Nuksan" when it had not previously appeared on the books. I now request to be informed whether the course I have followed is correet, or whether the amount of average collections only should be thrown on these lands as a quit-rent.

13．The settlement of Mátar，as far as the Government revenue is concerned， will，I hope，be thought a satisfactory one．It will be seen that the total increase of Government land revenue，including the assessment of Government fields and imposts upon alienated ones，is in the year of settlement nearly Rs．41，000 and as waste lands assessed at Rs． 7,000 were taken up during the settlement，I have every reason to believe that the assessment of cultivated Government lands in 1863－64 will amount to Rs． $2,48,000$ or an increase in the first year in which the new rates are in operation of Rs． 46,000 ．As the average collections on account of alienated land for the last 10 years have been Rs． 73,500 ，and the permanent＂Salami＂imposed on them by the survey，Rs． 88,000 ，there will also be an increase on alienated lands over the last 10 ，years＇average collections of Rs．14，500，or a total increase over the 10 years＇average collections from both Government and alienated lands of Rs．60，500．

14．You will，I think，agree with me that such a result as this has seldom，if ever，been attained in the Bombay Revenue Survey，and the only question is whether your fears，in which I confess I partly shared，that the rates proposed were too high and that an increase of revenue has been obtained at the price of overassessing the district，were well founded．

15．The only way of obtaining a trustworthy answer to this question，in anticipation of the experience of the next few years in the administration of the district，is by observing the manner in which the settlement was received by the people and whether they showed eagerness or the reverse to obtain the occupa－ tion of lands under it．The following facts nay，therefore，assist you in forming a judgment upon，化第 point ：一

16 a． evepgay from 200 to 300 petitions，nearly the whole of which either contanded claims to the occupation of lands already cultivated，or ap－ plications to take up waste lands．So far from there being any difficulty in disionsing is is waste lands，the only difficulty I found was in preventing fotsifon beint occupied which were required for the common use of ther whaders．In fact，during an experience of 13 years in the Revenue Suifey，thave never yet seen anything like the eagerness of the people sidthe greater part of Mátar to obtain possession of Government lands．
You will scarcely find，I think，that a single number cultivated in 1862－63 will remain waste in 1863－64．Nearly every field thrown up ，by its holder during the settlement was immediaetly applied for by some one else．
In＇a few villages，the assessment of which was considerably raised by the settlement，the people at first grumbled，＂and refused to agree generally to take up their fields for the ensuing year．In these cases I gave them a delay of a few weeks to let them make up their minds finally before giving the occupation of the resigned lands to other applicants．Finding that if they persisted the whole of their lands woutd be taken up by strangers，they in all cases at last agreed for the －Täds already in cultivation，and in some applied for all their waste as Yith．
17．＂Fonsthese facts I think I am justified in concluding that，in the opinion of 据e．people themselves，the evenness of the survey rates，and the security of tenure under the settlement，has more that made up for a slight in－ crease in the general pitch of assessment．

18．The average acre rates of the Goyernment lands on the district，are as follows：－

| Average Dry－crop Rate． | Average Garden Rate． | Average Rice Rate， | Total Average Rate． |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 2 & 14 & 4 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 4 & 12 & 10 \end{array}$ | Rs． a． p． <br> 5 7  | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs．} & \text { a，} & \text { p．} \\ 3 & 10 & 1\end{array}$ |

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19. The settlement was commenced on the 11th of May, and the settlement of the Government lands of the last village, Kaira, was not finished till the 24th of July 1863. The cause of its being so late in the season was partly the labour and time required to make out the very numerous and complicated papers required, and partly the difficulty of getting through the measurement of the internal shares of fields (which in the whole district amounted to not less than 33,107 ) from want of a sufficient number of qualified mesurers.
20. I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the great assistance rendered by the Mámlatdár, Pranshunkur Raghunath, in the settlement of this district.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
C. J. PRESCOTT, Captain, Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarât.


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To

## The Honotrable A. D. ROBERTSON., Secretary to Government,

 Bombay.
## Sir,

From Captain Prescott to the Collector of Kaira, No. 542, dated 31st December 1862.
From Collector of Kaira to the Revenne Commissioner, N. D., No. 77, dated 23rd Janaary 1863

From Revenue Commissoner, N. $\mathrm{D}_{a}$, to the Collector of Kaira, No. 368, dated 7th February 1863.
From Captain Presookt to the Collector of Kaira, No. 546, dated 21st November 1863.

I have the honour to submit the accompanying correspondence relative to the revision of assessment in the M-hmadabad (late Mátar) Táluka of the Kaira Collectorate.
2. It will be perceived that Captain Prescott's proposals and other details connected with the revision have been already discussed by the Collector and myself. My letter No. 368 will show Government on what points I considered Page 37 of the printed Captain Prescott's first propositions ought to be modiPapers. fied. His letter No. 546 shows the result after having been fully discusserrying out my instructions. All the principal points hang nexed papers, little remains to be said in this place. A few minor questions are raised in Captain Prescott's report just quoted. I have already issued instructions on these, and I consider it unnecessary to trouble Government with the details.
3. The Mehmadabad Táluka comprises altogether 98 villages; the superficial area of the 97 which have been brought under the Survey Settlement is $264_{8}^{1}$ squaire miles. Burora, referred to in paragraph 2 of Captain Prescott's report No. 542, has since been ordered to be surveyed, and, being a talukdári village, it will be assessed on the principles of the tálukdári settlement.
4. The villages of Khuretti and Hurriala alluded to in the same paragraph are also tálukdari, and form a part of the Utelia estate, which is at present managed by Government, owing to there being no recognized Tálukdar of Utelia. In consequence of some misunderstanding, these two villages have hitherto been entered in the Collector's accounts as if they had wholly lapsed. For this reason they have been included in Captain Prescott's settlement like Government villages. I have advised the Collector that these are talukdari villages, and will be handed over to the owner of the estate as soon as it is determined who is the rightful heir. This and other circumstances of minor importance, and which need not be described here, will alter the kumal (Rs. 2,72,111-8-0) and other figures of Captain Prescott's revised statements. These alterations, however, do not affect the general principles of the settlement.
5. The total culturable area of the district is 149,692 acres of which-

> 120,620 acres are dry-crop lands,
> 21,990 acres rice lands, and
> 7,982 acres garden lands.

Again, of the total culturable area, 74,806 acres, or nearly fifty per cent., are alienated lands, Such a large proportion of alienated lands is a noticeable feature. The total area of the district, inclusive of $1,49,692$ acres of culturable and 19,387 of unculturable lands, is divided by the surver into 48,507 fields or numbers. The average size of fields is three acres, which is very small. But this probably could not be avoided, owing to the existing extreme sub. division of lands, the consequence of the Hindoo law of inheritance.
6. The variations of climate between different parts of the district being trifling, Captain Prescott bas, in fixing the maximum rates, regulated the group-
ing of the villages according to their relative accessibility to markets. He has - divided the villages into four groups, which are given below, with the maximum dry-crop assessment of each :-

7. The method of assessing the different kinds of bágayát or garden cultivation has been explained by Captain Prescott. It appears to me to be a great improvement over the mode hitherto adopted by the Gujarát Survey. According to the system now adopted in assessing lands irrigated from rivers or wells, the dry crop assessment and the water rates are shown separately. The former is the constant or unchanging element in the assessment; the latter is dependent on the course of rivers or the maintenance of wells, and can be levied or not as water is available or otherwise.
8. The average acre rates of the Government lands of the district are as under: -

Average dry crop Rs. 2-14-4, average garden rate Rs. 4-12-10, average rice rate Rs. 5-7-3; total average rate Rs. 3-10.1.
9. The following shows the total result of the survey assessment :-

10. The net increase caused by the survey over former assessment on Government cultivated lands
Rs. a. p. is Rs. $38,305-8$-3, and on alienated lands Rs. 2,361-10-7*.
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The total Government gross revenue of the district according to the Survey system in 1862-63, the year of its introduction, was Rs. 3,36,289-11-5, of which Rs. 71,183-10-7 were granted as remissions, for the reasons given in Captain Prescott's paragraph 4. It must be borne in mind, however, that Vide statements. these figures will be somewhat modified, owing to the circumstances mentioned in paragraph 4 above.
11. The increase in the assessment of the lands actually in cultivation in the district is nearly five per cent. which cannot be considered great.
12. Government will view with satisfaction the eagerness evinced by the cultivators to take up waste lands, and the high value they put upon occupancy rights. This is the best testimony the people can give of their feeling of the fairness of the survey rates, and of the security of their rights under the survey settlement.
13. The introduction of a new settlement into a district always requires a great amount of patient industry on the part of the settling officers. But in the Mehmadabad Taluka the usual difficulties were much enhanced by the absence of any reliable standard of former measurement, by the extreme unevenness of existing rates in the district, by the excessive amount of alienated land liable to fluctuating cesses, and by the other complications of the former
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assessment and tenures. Captain Prescott and Mr. Pedder have displayed an amount of patience, tact, and judgment, which fully entitle them to the commendation of Government.
14. I request sanction to the rates proposed, with the addition of the oneanna cess for roads and education which is levied nowz and. I beg to suggest that guarantee be given for the usual period of 30 years.
15. I have this day forwarded the correspondence relating to the settlement of the. fluctuating cesses, quit-rents, \&c., on the alienated lands of the With letter No. B. 1084 A táluka. I delayed forwarding the correspondence both subjects may be considered together.

I have the honour to be,<br>Sir,<br>Your most obedient Servant,<br>B. H. ELLIS,<br>Revenue Comissioner, N. D.

## Camp Bassein, Thana Districts; 29th Aprib 1864in

No. 2427.

## Revenoe Department: <br> Bombay Castle, 27 th July 1864.

Letter from the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., No. 1288, dated 29th April 1864, with accompaniments, relative to the revision of assessment in the Mehmadabad (lateMátar) Táluka of the Kaira Collectorate.
Resocurtor.-The rates recommended, although considerably higher than those introduced into the adjoining districts of the Ahmedabad Collectorate, are, the Governor in Council considers, with the modifications made in them by the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., not higher than can easily be borne. His Excellency in Council is, therefore, pleased to confirm the proposed settlement, which should be guaranteed for thirty years, except in the case of the two tálukdári villages under attachment.
2. The question of the settiement of the quit-rent and fluctuating cesses on alienated lands, which is so closely consected with the assessment on a considerable portion of the Government lands in this taluka, bas been disposed of by Government Resolution No. 2426, dated the 27th June 1864.
3. The Governor in Council concurs with the Revenue Commissioner in considering that the plan adopted for assessing the garden eultivation is ac great improvement on the mode hitherto followed in the Gujarát Survey.
4. As expressed by the Revenue Commissioner, the absence of any reliable standard of former measurements, the inequality of the existing rates of assess. ment, the excessive amount of alienations liable to fluctuating cesses, and the other complications of the former assessment and temures, rendered the patience, tact; and judgment displayed by C'aptain Prescott and Mr. Pedder in conducting the inquiries necessary for completing the settlement deserving of the warm commendation of Government. His Excellency in Council also notices with satisfaction the high standard of accuracy obtained in the measurements, and in carrying out the classification, by Mr. Jordan, tbe late Mr. Baker and Mr. Beyts.
5. The Governor in Council observes that the Revenue Commissioner has taken up for separate consideration the questions of roads and of the drainage of the district, which are discussed in Captain Prescott's letter No. 542, dated 31st December 1862, paragraphs 7, 12 and 13 and the Collector's memorandum No. 77 , dated 23 rd January 1863 , paragraphs 2 to 6 , and 13 and $144_{\text {s }}$ respectively; it is therefore unnecessary in this place to enter upon them.
6. The imposition of an extra cess of one anna in each rupee of assessment for roads and education is also sanctioned.

H. E. JACOMB,<br>Officiating Under Secretary to Goverment.

To
The Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

## No 6.

## Revenue.

India Office, London, 16th January 1865.
His Exoellence the Honourable the governor in Council,
Bombay.
Siti,
I have had under my consideration in Council the proceedings of your Excellency in Council relative to the introduction of the new rates of assessment into the Tálukas of Mehmadabad (late Mátar) and Mahunda in the Kaira Collectorate which were transmitted in your Secretary's letters numbered 40 and 45 and dated respectively the 23 rrd of July and the 8th of August last.
2. These are the first talukas of the Kaira Collectorate which bave been brought under the new survey settlement, and I have perused with much interest the careful and comprebensive reports drawn up by Captain Prescott, which contain much useful information on the productions, and mode of cultivation, condition and prospects of these parganas. It is very satisfactory to find in these reports such evidence of great and increasing prosperity. From the statements of Mr. Ellis there seems no reason to doubt that the rates which you have adopted, although an enhancement on former rates, will be easily paid by the cultivators, and I am glad to find that you were sufficiently sure of their moderation to enable you to guarantee their continuance for thirty years.
3. The questions of roads and drainage, so important, as you justly remark, in a sanitary as well as financial point of view, do not call for notice here, as they have been transferred to the Publie Works Department. The reports contain much valuable information as to the saline efflorescence called "Mal" or "Khar". This has been communicated to the reporter on the products of India in this country, who is preparing a report on the subject of such efflorescences generally.
4. With reference to the impositon of extra cesses, you will be aware from my Despatch No. 85, dated the 16th of December last, that I am still awaiting your report on that question.
5. I quite concur with your Excellency in Council in the praise which you have bestowed on Captain Prescott and Mr. Pedder, for the manner in wbich they have executed the more than ordinarily diffcult task of settling the assessment in these talukas.

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

No. 859 of 1893.
From

> H. R. COOKE, Esquire, I. C. S., Collector of Kaira ;

To

G. B. REID, Esquire, I. C. S.,<br>Commissioner, N. D.

Kaira Collector's Office, Camp Bhilej, 18th March 1893.

Sir,
I have the honour to forward herewith the proposals of the Deputy Superintendent, Gujarát Revenue Survey, for the revision settlement of the Mátar Taluka of this Collectorate.
2. The area dealt with comprises 74 Government villages. It is accurately described in paragraphs 9 to 38 of Mr. Fernandez's report, and was constituted in the year 1867 as follows :-

57 villages originally belonging to the old Mátar Táluka,
16 villages transferred from the late Jetalpur Táluka, and
1 village transferred from the Dholka Taluka.
3. Mr. Fernandez's proposals are briefly to substitute three groups, bearing respectively the following maximum rates:-

|  |  |  |  | Rs. a. p. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group I | ... | ... | ... | ... |  | 8 | 0 |
| Do. II | ... | . | ... | ... |  | 0 | 0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | 0 | - |
| Do. III | ... | ... | ... | ... |  | 0 | 0 |

for four groups originally assessed at the following maximum rates :-

|  |  |  |  |  |  | Rs. | a. | p. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group | I | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4 | 19 | 0 |
| Do. | II | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4 | 8 | 0 |
| Do. III | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4 | 4 | 0 |  |
| Do. IV | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 4 | 0 | 0 |  |

including the groups of villages belonging to the old Jetalpur Taluka and the Dholka Táluka in which maximum rates prevailed as follows :- .

|  |  |  | Rs. a. p. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Jetápur villages... | ... | ... |  | 2 | 8 |  |
| Dholka village ... | ... | ... | .. | 2 | 0 |  |

with the result that in Group I there will be an increased revenue amounting to 39 per cent., in Group II an increased revenue of $36 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent., and in Group III an increased revenue of $20 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. : an increased revenue of $32 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. on the whole 74 villages.
4. Speaking generally I approve of the grouping, and am of opinion that the pitching of the rates is justified on the grounds stated by Mr. Fernandez and is advisable to secure a semblance of consistency throughout the Collectorate; but it is only after the most anxious consideration that I have concluded to support Mr. Fernandez's proposals, which impose a largely increased burden upon a táluk notoriously unhealthy and populated for the most part by thriftless Dharalas, Rajputs. and Mussalmans, and to recommend Government to sanction then.
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5. You will remember that, besides having served as an Assistant Collector in this district during the years 1870 to 1873, I have now been in charge for nearly four years. During this time I have made myself more or less intimately acquainted with the whole of this taluka: indeed there are very few villages that I have not visited once or oftener.
6. The description which Mr. Fernandez gives of the population in paragraph 25 of his report is accurate. The Kunbis are careful cultivators and tend to accumulate wealth: on the other hand, the Dharalas, Rajputs and Mussalmans are utterly thriftless, and are either too indolent or too proud to work; they are thercfore wretchedly poor and overhead and ears in debt. It is a fact that they will do no labour other than agricultural labour. Mr. Fernandez has instanced the tank at Alindra, which yet remains incomplete owing to the impossibility of finding labourers. My experience is that Dharalas, when called upon to contribute towards tank excavation or any similar work, haring no cash promise labour instead of cash; but they never do the promised labour themselves; they procure Odes and Dheds from their own or other villages to do the labour in return for food payment.
7. My mind therefore misgave me whether, if largely enhanced rates are imposed on a population of this character, the burden will not prove too much for them and tend to throw land out of cultivation and drive them back to their former lawless habits. Probably such results will not ensue, for the mass of Dharalas and other low-caste cultivators are, as a matter of fact, cultivating the land not, as might be inferred from paragraph 39 of Mr. Fernandez's report, on their own behalf, but on behalf of the savkars into whose hands they (i.e., the cultivators) have fallen, and who therefore in the end pay the assessment.
8. The extent to which Dharala and other low-caste cultivators prevail compared with Patidar and other high-caste cultivators can be inferred from the following:-

Only Dharala and other low-caste cultivators are to be found in 29 villages out of the whole 74 : they form 80 per cent. of the population in 55 ; only in 3 villages do the number of high-caste cultivators exceed half the whole number.
9. Again, Mr. Fernandez's description, of the climate contained in paragraph 26 of his report is accurate, and this consideration affects not only the thriftless Dharalas, but the careful Kunbi cultivators and sávkárs also. Again, therefore, my mind misgave me whether it is good policy to add so largely to the burden of lives dragged out under such unhealthy circumstances. The year 1887-88 was abnormally unhealthy; but every year the greater portion of the Mátar Táluka is fever-stricken for from 2 to 3 months.
10. Proposals are on foot for opening a dispensary at Mátar and during the last two seasons respectively one and two Hospital Assistants were told oft to the relief of the most fever-stricken villages: a large quantity of quinine also is distributed annually through the agency of the Mámlatdár and the village officers. But I am afraid practically little can be done to mitigate sufferings from malaria produced throughout a depression of the soil favouring rice cultivation.
11. Nor can. I hold out any hope that the Local Boards will see their way to improve materially the local communications in the southern half of the taluka complained of by Mr. Fernandez in paragraph 29 of his report: such is the difficulty of the work.
12. For all practical purposes, then, with the exception of the impetus given by the opening of the Godhra-Rutlam line of rail, the condition of the thaluka must during the period of the ensuing thirty years' lease remain the same that it now is.
13. Mr. Fernandez supports his proposals by the following reasons given respectively in paras. 47,52 and 53 of his report:-
(1) The condition of the taluka for the past $\mathbf{3 0}$ years and the extensive improvements in the shape of made roads and irrigation facilities introduced
by Government justify a large increase notwithstanding the deadly nature of the climate; moreover, when the original survey was introduced it was placed on record by Captain (now Colonel) Prescott that the táluka, as then comprised, wias able to pay a far heavier assessment than for momentary reasons he considered advisable to impose;
(2) The impending opening of the Godhra-Ratlam Railway will give a great impetus to the export of tobacco, the cultivation of which centres around Nadiád and A'nand; and it is advisnble to take the opportunity of the revised settlement to make the rates of the whole Collectorate fit into one another ;
(3) The condition of the people in the third group does not justify a larger increase than the application of the sub-soil water rates and the assimilation of the rice water rates produce.
14. Proceeding to examine these reasons: I find that the revenue history of the villages comprised in the present taluka although not brilliant cannot be pronounced unsatisfactory. The immediate result of the introduction of the original settlement was a large extension of cultivation amounting to something like 25 per cent. : during the first decade of the thirty years' lease a furthersmall increase occurred: during the second decade nearly the half of this disappeared : but during the third decade further progress was maintained.
15. The returns of agricultural cattle and of ploughs, given in paragraph 32 of Mr. Fernandez's report, certainly show a small decrease during the last five years; but, as Mr. Fernandez observies, there is probably some inaccuracy in the returns.
16. The prevalent opinion is that wages have increased, but not in the proportion Mr. Fernandez supposes (vide paragraph 41 of his report). The ordinary rate of wages is still low, namely 2 annas per diem or 5 sers of grain, contrasted with 1 anna per diem or 3 sers of grain and a couple of meals thirty years ago; but during the brief time of the rice and wheat harvests wages have been known to rise to the figure named by Mr. Fernandez. Wages vary extraordinarily according to the necessities of the season and the particular class of work done-there being many local customs: and it is extremely misleading to institute comparisons without careful and detailed local inquiry.
17. All the existing made roads have been constructed during the currency of the present lease, and a glance at the map will show their number and explain their value.
18. Much money has been spent on irrigation facilities in the Kalambandhi villages both before and during the currency of the late lease, whereby the area of irrigated land in them extended rapidiy from 4,041 acres in 1844 to 0,337 in 1884-85, when the maximum area was attained. The area has since shrunk to 8,565 acres, water having been found barely to suffice for the larger area.
19. So far as my enquiries go, the immigration alluded to by Mr. Fernandez in his paragraph 33 is nominal, a few Dharalas only in search of agricultural labour having settled in some of the wealthier villages. The 1 per cent. increase of the population is therefore probably genuine-the birth and death returns, especially, the former, being inaccurate and hence delusive.
20. Referring to the papers relating to the introduction of the original survey I find in his report No. 542 of 1862 Caplain (now Colonel) Prescott, after giving his reasons, records his opinion that the district (referring to the old Matar Táluka) although very unevenly assessed has hitherto not been overassessed, and could at "present prices" and with the advantage of the railway pay without difficulty an assessment 40 or 50 per cent. heavier than it now does. As a matter of fact, he only raised the general pitch of assessment for the whole táluka about 10 per cent.; but he had reasons for this which were as follows:-
(1) "Present prices" (he thought) will not long be maintained;
(2) The inequality, already referred to, presented (in his opinion)
peculiar difficulties to an immediate large increase;
(3) Rates in neighbouring tálukas were extremely light, and (he feared), great discontent would be caused if assessment in Mátar be fixed at a much heavier pitch than the present rates.
21. All these reasons have now disappeared.

Prices in 1862-63 (when Colonel Prescott wrote) were as follows :-

| Rice in husk | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 40 lbs per rupee. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wheat | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 30 |
| Bajji ... | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | 40 |

The prices of to-day (i.e. 1891-92) are as follows:-

| Rice in husk | $\ldots$ |  |  | ... |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wheat | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | ... | 32 |
| Bájri... | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 38 |

and the average prices for the last 10 years, as follow:-

| Rice in husk | ... | ... | ... | 39 lbs. per Rupee. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Wheat | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 29 |

The "present prices" alluded to by Colonel Prescott have therefore not only been maintained, but, if anything, improved.

His second reason must, after an interval of thirty years and the operation of the original settlement, be held to have disappeured.

The third reason also eridently no longer holds good.
22. There remains therefore the balance, amounting to 30 or 40 per cent., of the 40 or 50 per cent by which Colonel Prescott thought the assessment might then be raised available for increase at the present revision, and Mr. Fernandez has in fact only given effect now to that which Colonel Prescott thought possible without difficulty in 1862.
23. With Mr. Ternandez's second and third reasons I cordially agree. There is no doubt the extension of the line of rail to Ratlam will give a great impetus to cultivation and open up fresh markets to the produce of this Collectorate and to some extent of this táluka. These considerations, however, will affect the villages of Group III least: Group III, moreover, has very few road facilities and clearly comprises the least advanced portion of the táluka.
24. The villages transferred from the old Jetalpur Táluka and the ono village transferred from Dholka deserve some separate consideration. Colonel Prescott's remarks, quoted in paragraph 20 above, do not apply to them, and the somewhat heavy increases in their cases have consequently given me some additional anxiety.
25. As regards the 16 villages transferred from the old Jetalpur Taluka $I$ find, however, that the maximum rates in the remaining villages of that taluka, which have been transferred to Daskroi, have after full consideration (vide paragraph 9 of Government Resolution No. 4475, Revenue Department, dated 22nd June 1839) already been raised from Rs. 2-4-0 and Rs. 2-8-0 to Rs. 4-0-0 (the very rise Mr. Fernandez now proposes), and the villages now under consideration are certainly in no way inferior to them or at any disadvantage as regards situation.
26. Moreover, the papers relating to the introduction of the original survey into the old Jetalpur Taluka show that the rates on dry-crop lands then fixed were held to be unduly light, and indeed were only sanctioned in consideration of the water rates for rice being fully high-the highness of the latter being held to balance the lowness of the former.
27. Under these circumstances there is clearly nothing to justify my opposing Mr. Fernandez's propasals, although the resulting increase averages higher in these villages than it does in the rest of the táluka,-a matter somewhat to be regretted on account of the large proportion, amounting to 84 per cent., of low-caste cultivators in these villages.
28. It will be observed that Mr. Fernandez has not touched the water rates for rice in the $10 \mathrm{Kh} \mathrm{K}_{\mathrm{ri}}$, or Kalambandhi, villages which remain at from Rs. 8 to Rs. 10 on a 24 -anna valuation for two crops. These cannot be deemed high : they were not thought to be so in 1862, and I have reason to believe that the rayats of the adjoining villages of the Ahmedabad Collectorate dependent on the Khári River, but without the advantage of the Kalambandhi rules, are eager to pay Rs. 10 per acre in addtion to a soil assessment of Rs. 4 to Rs. 4-8-0 for one crop.
29. It is true the area under irrigation in these villages has shrunk of late years, as already pointed out in paragraph 18 above; but Mr. Fernandez assures me that the classification of lands difficult of access to water has been greatly reduced, and hence probably a further extension of the irrigated area will now result notwithstanding the general enhancement of the soil rates.
30. As regards the six non-Khári villages: the large increase in them, besides the serious rise in the maximum rates already shown to be justified, arises from (1) the fact that there has been a considerable conversion of drycrop land into rice land: (2) the application of sub-soil water rates, and (3) the enhancement of the water rates on rice detailed in paragraph 55 of Mr. Fernandez's report. I regret the last-named cause, for in 1863 the water rates on rice in those villages were pronounced to be too high. However, all rice lands have been reclassed on the present occasion, and having approved of the rise in the maximum rates and of the grouping of these villages I feel unable to oppose the consequent result. Chitrásur and Goblej are the only villages of the 6 in which the increase aggregates over 50 per cent., and in each of these there is a fair proportion of Pátidár cultivators.
31. As regards Rasikpur, the village transferred from the Dholka Taluka, the assessment has been run up 125 per cent. The original maximum rate was Ks. 2 only, the proposed rate is Rs. 4. Of the Khátedárs 15 only are Pátidảrs or bigh-caste cultivators and 60 are Dharalas, \&c. I would suggest that Mr. Fernandez's proposals, so far as this village is concerned, be reconsidered, and that the maximum rate be reduced to Rs. 3. The village should be left in Group III to which it properly belongs. Group III will then, like Groups I and II, have two sets of rates, Rs. 4 and Rs. 3.
32. The only other suggestion I have to make regards Garmala placed in Group I. It is not a flourishing village and is popalated almost ontirely by Dharalas, only 10 out of 171 Khátedárs being of the higher castes : moreover, it borders on a tract largely impregnated with salt. This village has only been brought up from the operation of a maximum rate of Rs. 4-8-0 to a maximum rate of Rs. 5 , but the result is an increase of assessment amounting to $54 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent., and I think this is excessive. The village borders on villages comprised in Group II, and it will not be inconsistent with the principles underlying Mr. Fernandez's proposals if, for the reasons I have given, this village be reduced to Group II.
33. With these minor exceptions, then, I beg to support Mr. Fernandez's proposals, including those regarding rice water rates throughout the whole of the táluka (paragraph 55) : dhekudiat and bag rates on the Sábarmati and Vátrak and on the Khári rivers respectively (paragraph 56) ; the bháta rates (paragraph 57) and the coucessions regarding trees (paragraph 60), and recommend Government to sanction them.
34. I trust Government will, however, make enncessions similar to those granted in case of the Igatpuri Táluka (vide page 98, paragraph 11, Revenue Keport of Igatpuri Táluka, Government Selection, New Series, No. CLXVIII) : namely that enhancement in excess of 4 annas in the rupee, or 25 per cent. of the assessment on a holding, be remitted for the two first years of the revised settlement, enbancement in excess of 8 annas in the rupee for the third and fourth year, and enhancement in excess of 12 annas in the rupee for the fifth and sixth yeur of the revised settlement, so that the cultivators may adjust themselves to the payment of the increase.

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35. In conclusion, I would draw the attention of Government to the caution conveyed in paragraph 16 of Mr. Fernandez's report that the revision survey water rates due to Khári irrigation should be excluded if the villages concerned are brought under the operation of Act VII of 1879, and recommend that; subject to the above caution and to the concession I have solicited in paragraph 34, the rates should be guaranteed for 30 years.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient Servant, H. R. COOKE, Collector of Eaira. Through the Survey and Settlement Commissioner, Bombay. No. 854 of 1893.

From

> E. C. OZANNE, Esquire, M.R.A.C., I. C. S., Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture;

## To

The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, Revenue Department.

Mahäbaleshvar, 1st April 1893.

## SIr,

Thave the honour to submit the Revision Report for the Matár Táluka of the Kaira District.

The old Jetalpur villages are Nos. 19 to 34 of class 2 in Mr. Fernandez's Appendix P, while No. 35 formerly belonged to Dholka. The Udhád villages are Vásna Buzurg, Dharoda and Rádu Vánto. The Tálukdári ones, Hariála and Khareti. The leasehold village is Chandna.

The 6 villages partially re-classed owing to changes made by rivers and Partly re-classed. Wholly re-classed. the 4 villages wholly re-classed because 1. Chitrásar. 7. Náeka. of the increase of salt efflorescence, are
2. Pipária. $\quad$ 2. Radu.
3. Rasikpur $\quad$ 3. Limbásí.
4. Ohanidra.
5. Dhádhel.
6. Vársang.
2. The measurement at revision consisted in bringing the record to date, as detailed in paragraph 4 of the report. The erratic conduct of the Sábarmati and Vátrak caused much change, which affects classification under the dhekudiat system on which I shall have a good deal to say, though it is hardly touched on in the papers so far. The revision classification was more detailed. The dhekudiat classification would have demanded total revision, even if, for the reasons given in paragraph 8, Mr. Fernandez had not been obliged to take off dhekudiat assessments on areas, which, owing to the absorption of the Khari water by the irrigation scheme, have the certainty of river irrigation no longer. It will not escape notice that the garden area, i.e., the area assessed as dhekudiat or bháta, has thus fallen roughly from 10 to 4 thousand acres. There is no other garden, for well taxation has been taken off and tank irrigation is of rice in rice land. The elimination of the well "himayat" on rice lands required re-classification, as the old field books were lost in the fire of 1887, and the elimination could not be done in office.
3. The sub-soil water assessment under the revised scale has been applied to the whole táluka. The areas found liable are exhibited by the following percentage statement. I must premise that Mátar Táluka should be considered under three local and very useful divisions. Mr. Fernandez's ist group belongs to the "Charotar," a tract of noted fertility, of which Nadiad is the centre. The Charotar includes parts of the Nadiád, Borsád and A'nand tálukas, with intervening Baroda territory. The Mátar villages, in other groups south of the Mehmadabad-Dholka road, belong to the "Bbál" country, to which also Dholka and Dhandhuka tálukas and some portions of Káthiáwár belong. The Jetalpur villages are in the tract about Ahmedabad called "Daskosi," i.e. "within 10 kos" (of Ahmedabad).

These divisions are not exact, but sufficiently near for present purposes. The Charotar has little or no salt efflorescence, plenty of good water near the surface, and is capable of growing tobacco of good quality. The characteristics of the Bhál country are blacker soil, good rice, no tobacco, much salt, bad well water, but the better portions of the Bhál grow good dry-crop wheat and barley. The Daskosi tracts are conspicuous for excellent rice land, generally irrigated from rivers, but also from tanks and wells. Mátar is on the border land of each of these tracts, and while possessing the general characteristics of each in a lesser degree than characteristic portions, also shows the features of the one tract more or less in the others. I think it most important that Mátar should from a settlement point of view be thus described.

I find that the sub-soil water assessment has thus been distributed :-

|  |  | Dry crop. |  | New rice land. | Old ince la | Total. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Charotar | ** | ... | 89 | 99 | 98 |  | per cent. |
| Bhál... | ... |  | 43 | 90 | 93 | 59 |  |
| Daskosi | ... | ... | 88 | 100 | 100 | 97 |  |

This table shows only the areas. In point of pitch, the incidence is far higher in the Charotar than elsewhere. I confess, I should like to have seen even a greater area difference in the dry-crop percentages between the Charotar and the Bhál. The percentages are higher in rice land, for water worse than useless for dry crop is often good for rice. It would not be worth the labour to calculate the actual extra assessment on the land from this increase. It is only necessary to notice that it does make a distinct difference, not otherwise possible, in the general valuation of land, in the case of this taluka, which suffers from surface salts as compared with that which is free. It must be noticed that, under the ruling in the Dholka Revision, areas adjudged liable to dhekudiat assessment are nevertheless assessed for sub-soil water also, though as long as the former stands the latter is not collected.
4. Knowing the difficulties which this settlement has to solve, I made a careful tour of inspection, during which I visited this season 19 out of the 74 villages. I share with the Collector much anxiety as to the complete justification of the Deputy Superintendent's proposals.

I wish to bring prominently into the foreground the large extent of land under privileged tenures in the Government villages. I have caused the percentage to be entered against each village in the last column of Appendix $P$. The average is no less than 51 per cent. The assessment on the Inám land will not be affected by the revision of that on Government land. It is on this ground that generally I am able to concur with the Deputy Superintendent and Collector as to the pitch of the revision taken with the other grounds set forth in the report. Mr. Cooke says that the proposals really hardly bring the assessment up to what Major Prescott thought justifiable, though not politic, 30 years ago. There is another important consideration. The Khari irrigation has, at the cost of Government, improved the profits and the certainty of crop in many Daskosi villages. The greatly increased assessments on Khari irrigated rice lands there (for instance see villages Class 2, Nos. 22 to 30 ) will be cheerfully paid. It might be reasonably urged that the increases thus due should be eliminated from calculation altogether, just as those on pátasthal areas or on areas assessed under the Irrigation Act are excluded elsewhere. They come in the calculation here, because they are imposed by the Survey Department.
5. The general condition of the taluka is not good, and its revenue history is unfavourable. The climate is malarious, a point insisted strongly on by Mr. Fernandez ; the Koli Dharalas are notoriously lazy, unthrifty and unskifful; the people are addicted to opium eating, and that in its worst form, raw opium eating ; the amount of indebtedness is startling; and salt efflorescences are on the increase in the Bhál villages, while these as well as some Charotar villages suffer periodically great losses from surface floods. These several points need some comment.
(a) Climate.-The malaria is due, no doubt, to the insufficiency of surface drainage. Appendix B, summarized, shows that the decrease of population between 1886-87 and 1890-91 was-Charotar 5., Bhál 2 and Daskosi 8 per cent. In the Charotar villages the decrease is not due to malaria, but to caste difficulties as regards marriage. The climate makes it difficult for the Leva Kanbis especially to obtain wives from other better situated villages. This caste is strong in numbers, even outside the Charotar, and even in the best villages of the Charotar the expenses of marriage, in spite of the limitations which Mr. Sheppard sought to fix, deter many from marriage ; much more, then, is there difficulty in unhealthy Mátar. In the large village of Traj there are said to be over 200 youths who have not been able to find wives.
(b) The , Jharalas, who are a class of Kolis, were once turbulent robbers. Mr. Cooke knows them better than I; but I was not struck with any greát inferiority in their condition as compared with the Pátidárs (Leva Kanbis) and Girássiás (Rajputs). The Kolis seem more thrifty than the Musàlmans in Mátar. They generally eat more opium than Pátidárs, but this vice is general. It seems that the contact between Pátidars and Kolis in Mátar has had the effect of deteriorating the former more than of improving the latter. In point of skill, the Dharalas are better than Girássiás or Mussalmans, and in point of thrift too. As regards energy, there is evidence that they are low in the scale. These remarks show that the cultivators of Mátar of all classes are inferior to the best representatives of each class.
(c) Opium.-There are opium shops in 17 villages in this small táluka. Of these 7 are close together in the south. There are 4 in the Charotar villages besides Mátar, but only 2 in the Daskosi. It is certain that the Daskosi villagers eat largely, and probably get their supplies from Ahmedabad. The sales amounted to 1,380 lbs. in 1891-92, but only to about $1,100 \mathrm{lbs}$ in the year before. The retail price is about Rs. 12 per Ib. So that the Mátar people buy in their taluka alone about Rs. 15,000 worth of opium annually. No individual is permitted to buy more than 2 tolás a day without special sanction from the Collector. I found no one to confess to consuming more than Rs. 3 worth a month, $i e ., \frac{1}{3}$ tola a day. Even if the averave consumption is taken at Rs. 1-8-0 a month, or $\frac{1}{6}$ tola a day, this would show 1,000 eaters in the táluka. Even those who admit to large consumption do not show evidence of injury. An admit that they eat less than they would, if the drug were not so dear, and all assert that they eat less than their fathers did.
(d) Indebtedness.-The large proportion of Inám land has had no effect in staving off indebtedness. My conclusion is rather that it has had the opposite effect, the large Inám areas offering special temptation to moneydealers. In villages Nos. 10 and 7 of Class 1 , where the percentage of Inám is 89 and 68 respectively, the condition of the people is deplorable. There is a fair admisture of Pátidárs in No. 10, and excellent water, no salt, and no damage from flooding, and yet the debt is estimated at Rs. 70,000 , or 100 times the proposed rental on Government land. All the Inám land is in the possession of the sávkár. In No. 7, natural conditions are likewise good, but the cultivators are Kolis. Practically all the land is in the possession of Baroda rayats, and the old occupants pay as tenants Rs. 14 per acre, when the now proposed assessment is only Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}$. In No. 20 of class 2 (Inám only 11 per cent.), where the cultivators are Kolis and Girássiás, all the Girássiás have lost their
land but 3. Close by, in No. 9 of the same class, the rayats are Pátidárs and Kolis. All the Pátidárs are in debt. One-fourth of them have lost land and hofses through debt. Here the Inám area is 13 per cent. On the other hand, there are in the Charotar 4 villages held under the Narva tenure (i.e., the Narvadárs pay the full assessment on unoccupied and occupied land, and receive no remuneration as Patels),

5 Undbela
6 Alindra.
11 Laváe.
6 Khandhli.
in which the people are very prosperous. These are Nos. 5, 6 and 11 of Class 1 and 6 of Class 2. In all the Inam is large, it is true, yet the debt is small, and many of the rayats are themselves lenders of money on lands in other villages. I could largely increase the instances, even with my small knowledge of Mátar, but these are enough to show that the Government demand has nothing to do with the poverty of some and the prosperity of other villages, but that on the whole the indebtedness is deplorable. The Mámlatdár is anxious that an Agriculturists' Relief Act should be introduced.
(e) Khar.-Major Prescott's oversanguine surmise, somewhat shared in by Mr. Fernandez now, that drainage would convert large waste tracts into gond rice land, was at the time corrected by the Collector, who pointed out that the sterile tracts were depressions which eould not be drained. Certainly little has been done for drainage, byfe whuch land has been thrown up because sterile. Though Mr. Fernandez has not raised the dry-crop rate of the villages chiefly concerned, those of class 3, the revision of water classification on rice land, which means an increase of 1 Re. in rice maximum rates, the addition of atsub.soil water rate, and the assessment of new rice for its natural facilities have raised the demand in many. It is a question whether any sub-soil water charge is justified in this group No. III.
( $f$ ) Surface Floods.-Much damage is caused to large tracts. There are * Not printed. - old drains as shown on the map forwarded* herewith, but the Executive Engineer informs me that the repair or clearing of none of them is at present contemplated, except as famine works, should famine come. In 1841 his records show that a drain was cut through the Mátar Taluka to drain a large tract outside Mátar, which thus only incidentally benefited, but no expenditure by the Public Works Department has been sanctioned since. Small sums are expended from local funds. There may be objections to the present line of drainage, and it may not be worth the cost to attempt the drainage of Mátar, but that there is immense loss caused by occasional heavy floods, as that of last year, and that the health of the people is bad, cannot be denied. I therefore would ask that the special wants of this taluka should at least be reported on after enquiry. This request was made by Major Prescott, but the lease has expired without any action. In the present year, Pariaj, Marala, Nagranaa and Heranj have suffered very severely-the rice crop being almost wholly lost, and the area usually sown with rabi too water-logged for any crop.
6. Grouping.-All the Charotar villages, but Heranj and Khandhli, are in class 1. Mr. Cooke wants to take a 3rd (Garmálá) from the Ist Class. I had already decided to recommend the same modification. Heranj and Khandhli suffer much from flooding, and Garmála and Heranj are both affected by khár, and cannot be placed on an equality with the main group of Charotar villages. I cannot agree with the Collector that Rasikpur properly belongs to class 3. Its high enhancement is to some extent due to its dhekudiat and bhata, and besides the simall area of permanent bháta it has a large and most valuable area of kacha bbáta, shown in red ink in column 32, Appendix $P$, which is sold by annual auction. It adjoins a Dholka village rated at Rs. $2 \frac{1}{2}$ at revision, but it has one river less between it and Kaira and the railway. Its acre incidence is small compared with other Mátar villages clossed with it, though much higher than that of adjoining Dholka villages. It is not overassessed, but, in order to tone down the high enhancement, I think that it may be rated at Rs. $3 \frac{1}{2}$, being kept in class 2. At

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"the next revision $j t$ may be considered whether, with other villages of the class, its maximum cannot be assimilated to the full maximum of the class. It has no yold rice land, and this fact I have take.n into consideration.

I have no other objections to the grouping.

- 7. Rating.-The dry-crop rates meet with my acceptance. Mr. Fernandez's simplification of the water rates on rice land must be explained. I think the assimilation of these rates in the Kalambandi villages may be left till the next revision, subject to any change which may be necessary, if these villages and others are brought under the Irrigation Act. It will be necessary, as approved by the Collector (paragraph 35), to limit the guarantee to admit of such revision during the currency of the new lease. As to other villages excluding Daskosi villages, for which 1 have no figures, what Mr. Fernandez proposes is that in group No. I: (excluding Garmala, to go into group No. II), the rice water rates should be kept at. Rs. 3 in 2 villages and at Rs. $3 \frac{1}{4}$ in 2, and at Rs. $3 \frac{1}{2}$ in 4 villages, while they should be raised from Rs. $2 \frac{3}{4}$ in 3 , and from Rs. $2 \frac{1}{2}$ in 4 villages. In group II, 1 village will remain at Rs. $3 \frac{3}{4}, 1$ at Rs. $3 \frac{1}{2}, 4$ at Rs. $3 \frac{1}{4}$ and 3 at Rs. 3 , while 4 will be raised from Rs. 23 , and 5 from Rs. $2 \frac{1}{2}$ to Rs. 3 . In group III, one will remain at Rs. $3 \frac{1}{2}$, and all the rest will be raised from Rs. $2 \frac{1}{2}$ to $3 \frac{1}{2}$. I think that MriaFernandez should have given this detail. I do not approve of this proposal. If Rs. 3 is a fair rate for the first two groups, all should get the advantage of it. It can only be argued per contra that the villages have been paying these rates, and should go on paying, but one of the main objects of the present revision is to secure finality and equality of rating. I would ask Government to order all the villages of the first two groups, including the non-Kalambandi Daskosi villages, to be rated for rice water at Rs. 3. Mr. Cooke in his 26 th paragraph expresses a desire to reliete the Khári villages which do not get the benefit of irrigation. I think, again, that Rs. $3 \frac{1}{4}$ is fully high as the rice water rate for group III, and would ask that that rate should be adopted for all the villages for that group. Limbási, now rated at Rs. $3 \frac{1}{2}$, would gain, but that poor village, full of khár and injured by floods, needs the relief. The argument for the Rs. $3 \frac{1}{2}$ rate is based on the benefit arising from flood water, but these floods do injury at times to rice lands, as even Mr. Fernandez admits. If this modification is sanctioned, the sub-soil water rates in the Bhal villages may be allowed to stand. They practically raise the rates on rice land to an extent which precludes the high proposed increase of rice water rates.

8. Before I touch on dhekudiat and bháta rates, I would call attention to Captain Prescott's somewhat wild statement that he would have been justified in raising Mátar 40 or 50 per cent., but that he thought it safer to withhold his hand. In his after report, in describing the effect of the settlement (Government Selection No. CXIV, page 474), when he, with the help of the American War and the immense rise in prices, was hardly able to meet the demand for occupation of waste land, he said that he was bound to confess that he had shared the Collector's fear that the rates he had proposed were too bigh, and that he had overassessed the táluka. The fact is that the former statement was made to justify his proposals, which made such a difference between Mátar and the recently settled tálukas of Ahmedabad (Dholka and Daskroi). It would have been then better to urge, as I now urge, that the gradient should not have been between Dholka and Mátar, but between Mátar and Nadiád, being slightly relieved by a rise in the border Charotar villages of Mátar. The Bhill and Daskosi of Mátar are rightly rated far below what will have to be the rate for the real Charotar of Nadiád and Borsad. I think the proposals for Mátar now to be passed, if passed with the modifications I advise, will leave the táluka just as highly assessed as it should be, and that no claim of overleniency can be substantiated. Mátar is totally different from the other talukas of the Kaira District, as Mr. Cooke's description proves.
9. As to bháta rates, I raise no objection. This land may bear almost ang rate. The annual auctions of kacha bhatta, which is generally inferior to permanent bháta, bear out this contention.

At the risk of raising a question, which was no doubt thought to have been finally settled by the Dholka orders. I am, at whatever cost, bound with enlarged experience to claim that what I urged in my Dholka Report about the
dhekudiat system is exactly what I must urge now. A"fluctuating cultivation cannot be met by a fixed, assessment.' The working of the system has been most unsatisfactory. I took careful notes in Matar and carefully examined the river banks of the Vatrak. I find that though it was explicitly stipulated that the dhekudiat assessment should be at once struck off when the facility of erecting
> - Chitrásar (see Mr. Fernandez's paragraph 56) is not an exception. The dhekudiat àssessment was taken off because the river was dammed by the Irrigation Department. But even so, similar action ought for similar reasons to , have been taken with respect tóChanidra, Kalol and Naeka. to the field-books it was impossible to give effect, to the
stipulation. I'he Vátrak is the only river ${ }_{2}$, besides ri, which concerns, Mátar as regards dhekudiat, for, strange though it may seem, the banks of the Shedi are not used for dhekudiat. Both the Vátrak and the Sábarmati are most erratic. The recent dhekudiat classification made for the revision settlement has already been vitiated by the action of the floods last year, and must be redone. It cannot be done opver again in' the simple manner indicated by Captain Prescott. A dhekudi does not supply water to the field in which"ft is situated only, but, may be, to fields far distant. A spot favourable to the erection of dhekudis may become useless, and yet all the land may still be irrigable from dhekudis placed at another spot. The lie of the stream may be most favourable for irrigation, but, if the banks are not sound, dhekudis may be impossible. For these and other reasons, not only have.I little confidence in the assessments placed by the survey classers under the dhekudiat Tules, but I believe that it is impossible to deal with the matter fairly by classing the soil, even if it were re-classed annually. Much more, then, do I feel that it is absolutely wrong to attempt to make a classification for 30 years, and to leave the Revenue Department to regulate it. I daresay it may be urged that the dhekudiat system is so far satisfactory that it gives little trouble; but, if this is urged, the answer will be that it receives its apparent look of satisfactoriness by a policy of systematically ignoring complaints. When the people see that they get no redress they apathetically submit to fate. I must substantiate these objections, and I cannot better do so than give one or two instances which I carefully observed and have sent to the Collector for his remarks. In Pipária a pakka dhekudi† was eight years ago washed away with a large portion of the river bank. The land then irrigable from the river was no longer. so. The people petitioned and received the reply that the matter would be disposed of at the revision survey. These allegations have to be vérified, but this much is clear that the dhekudi has gone, and though the land is no longer irrigable, the dhekudiat assessments have not been remitted. This is a strong instance, for pakka dhekudis are not usual on
$\dagger$ Enquiry shows that this dhekudi was treated as a well, and the land irrigated by it was assessed as garden by a bágayát kasar. The kasar book shows the water charge, and it should at once have *heen taken off. The apphcation was, however, apparently not made till 1889, whle revision field work was actually in progress. dhekudis is lost by the action of the river, this has not been done in one single* case: The "result is that the people clamour for a return to the old bag rate. The fault does not liferwith the Revenue Department alone; for, in spite of his report to Government, Captain Prescott did not, in fact, show in the village papers the water assessment separately, and without reference to the field-books it was impossible to give effect to the


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 formed below the high bank of the river. By degrees this bank has consolidated, and a very large area of kacha bháta on it is annually sold by auction. The river water cannot be taken across this bank and then raised to the high level for irrigating the land which was irrigated before, yet Government has not remitted any of the dhekudiat assessed at the old survey, on the high level several fields deep from the river, though it receives the auction proceeds of the bank which prevents the irrigation of the dhekudiat area. Moreover, if dhekudis are erected to irrigate the kacha bhata, a koss rate of Rs. 8 is taken, according to the proposal made-in paragraph 10 (c) of Captain Prescott's Report No. 546 of 1863 (Selection No. CXIV, p. 470). In this particular bháta no dhekudi has yet been made, but in a precisely similar case, across the river at Vásna, dhekudis are being used for kacha bhata, formed under banks which prevent the irrigation of land classed as . dhekudiat, and on which the dhekudiat rate still stands. Of all the instances I have seen, these are the most characteristic. But I must quote one other. In Kosial, a recent change in the course of the Vatrak has carried off 36 survey
numbers' which were ässessed either as dhekudiat or as bhita. Land inside these numbers is now freely irrigated by dhekndis. As the disaster occurred before "the revision classification, the land nowirrigable has been classed as dhekudiat, but it will not be assessed till the revision rates are introduced. Government is needlessly losing revenue, anless a bag rate is taken. I did not enquire on this point. If the disaster had happened two or three years latèr, it would have been impossible to deal with the new irrigation, except by a bag rate.
10. I need not re-state the arguments $p$ 艮 0 and con the bag rate. They are fully on record in the Difilka compilation, but I will assert that, if Collectors give full attention to the regdation of dhekudiat, it is certain that the assessments will practically have all to be taken off by degrees as the rivers shift during the coming lease and be replaced by the bag rate, for it wilk not be possible to entrust re-classification to Circle Inspectors. For this and other reasons I earnestly hope that the dhekudiat assessments will not he sanctioned. Mr. Fernandeztads been obliged to recoumend the bag rate for some of the Daskosi villages on the Khari, because the supply is uncertain: a provision for a.bag rate must remain as it has remained during the current lease to meet cases where the dhekudiat classification has to be taken off, and irrigation becomes practicable else here; therefore it is not reasonable for the sake of uniformity to retain the dhekudiat system for the few villages now assessed, against the, will of the peopla and in face of the condemnation which ${ }^{\text {I }}$, have' deliberately and with knowledge been obliged to pronounce. In one respect the difficulty of annual inspection, which was used as an argument, weak though it was, against the bag rate will be diminished by the Circle Inspector staff. Another argument against must be raised, that Government will lose if the people do not use dhekudis wherever possible, but this argument bas no weight in a district like-Kaira. The rate may be fixed at Rs. 10 , if Government so desires, for dhekudis on the Vátrak and Sábarmati, but I think Rs. 8 will bring in as large a revenue as the dhelsudiat properly regulated would bring. I have no data to go on, for no record of the number of koss now working is available. If Rs. 10 be fixed, and if it is found to check dhekudiat irrigation, it can be reduced on the report of the Collector. I know that dhekudiat has been assessed in all talukas settled since Dholka, and I wauld like to see a substitution of the bag rate in all, including Dholka. But, as I have said, if the assessment is taken off by degrees when changes in the river bave necessitated change, the extinction of the dhekudiat systern may be left to time, provided all complaints are fully considered by the Collectors.

A reference to columns 26 and 27 of Appendix $P$ will show what villages will be affected. The assessment has been proposed for 1,192 acres in 12 villages, amounting to Rs. 6,220 , or equivalent to the bag rate on 62 koss at the rate of Rs. 10 per koss.

If there is risk of delaying the settlement for consideration of this matter all that need be done is to postpone decision, the dhekudiat rates being only sanc-tioned provisionally.
11. If any dhekudiat assessment is allowed to stand, it will be necessary, under the decision of Government in paragraph 6 of the orders on the Dholka .Settlement, to reduce it by the amount of sub-soil water assessment levied on the "same area, as "both water privileges cannot be exercised on the same land at the
same time."
12. In summing up, I ask that Mr. Fernandez's proposals be accepted with the following modifications-

1. That Garmala be placed in Group II.
2. That Rasikpur be rated at Rs. 3-8-0 as a special case, being kept in
Group 1I.
3. That the rice maximum water rates be sanctioned as proposed by Mr. Fernandez, but that all villages now rated in this respect at a higher figure than Rs. 3 for the 1st and 2nd groups, the Kalambandi villages being excepted, be reduced to that figure ; and that a rate of Rs. 3-4-0 be sanctioned instead of Rs. $3-8-0$ for the 3 rd group, the one village

That all dhekudiat rates be replaced by a bag rate of Rs; 8 per koss in the case of the Khari river, and of Rs. 10 in the case of the Sabarmat, and Vátrak, this latter rate to be lowered if it is found to operate as a check on irrigation by dhekudis.
5. That, as proposed by the Collectór, the concessions noted in his paragraph 34 be sanctioned.
Further, I support the rtcommendation that the guarantee in the case of the present Kalambandi villages of the water réates under the Khári Irrigation should be limited to make it legal to-revise these rates during the currency of the new lease in the event of the application of the Irrigation Act. If by an extension of the Khári scheme other villages are made irrigable, as appears probable, the right should be reserved to revise the water rates in them also under Section 55 of the Land Revenue Code or under the Irrigation Act. For this reason the guarantee should be thus further conditional.

> I have the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient Servant,"
E. C. OZANNE, Survey and Settlement Commissioner.
Through the Commissioner, N. D.

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## Revenue Department.

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2. The reports are very interesting, and it is a special advantage that the Collector has had a long and intimate acquaintance with the táluka, while the Survey Commissioner's remarks are the result of personal inspection.
3. There was little actual measuring except to ascertain reco nized shares, and to show alterations caused by floods, new roads, \&c., but the percentage differences in the numbers measured show that the old work was satisfactory.

In the same way the re-classification was only for the purposes detailed in the Survey Commissioner's paragraph 1. From Mr.' Fernandez's paragraph 6 it seems that no villages were wholly reclassed as stated by the Survey Commissioner.
4. One striking change is the great decrease in garden land, owing chiefly to the fact that the lands in the villages at the tail of the Khári did not really enjoy dhekudiat advantages, and this land has, therefore, been transferred to jirayet, and also to the abolition of all taxation on wells.

- 5. Mr. Fernandez has given an interesting account of the Khári irrigation; one of the most striking features of the táluka. It has for years been a very real success, but the figures show that the present system has reached its full 'development, and that unless the Bokh project is carried out, there is no chance of its reaching a larger area.

6. The Mátar Tạluka, though rich in the special products of rice and in parts tobacco, suffers from a very bad climate, owing to it being water-logged in the north and south parts, called by Mr. Ozanne the Daskosi and Bhál portions, and the fever mortality is enormous. No clearer proof is wanted than the almost stationary figures of the population at the last census. The Collector considers that there is not likely to be much improvement in this direction, but it is difficult to believe that some system of drainage cuts cannot be devised. There seems but little doubt that climatic reasons are one cause of the want of energy in the more unhealthy parts of the táluka. Mr. Ozanne's further experience has led him to modify the opinion expressed in paragraph 26 (5) of his report printed at page 154 of the Rholka Revision Survey Papers CCXVII, New Series.

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"The population of Mátar, consisting of Kunbis and of Kolis; more" settled and more industrious than in Dholka, "made a higher assessment lighter than it would otherwise have been. Many of the Kolis of Mátar are nearly as skilful and industrious cultivators as Kunbis (Kaira Compilation, page 418). The density of population in Mátar had incited the cultivators to emulation and competition, and had roused them from the apathy and indolence which did and do characterize a large proportion of the Dholka farmers."
7. The revenue history of the taluka is only fairly satisfactory; even so late as the three last years the average number of notices issued was 2,075 ; but on the other hand there is but little real remission required. The average rate of ordinary sales for land is 25 times the old survey assessment. Prices have remained fairly steady since the great drop after the inflated rates at the time of the American War, and the present increase of 33 per cent. on the rates before the last lease began are likely to be maintained. It appears probable that the extension of the Railway from A'nand to Rutlám will do some good in giving a market for rice and the Charotar tobacco; otherwise there is not much chance of any change specially favourable to Mátar.
8. But in spite of this I agree with the Survey $\dot{\text { Commissioner in his }}$ remarks and think that we are justified in recommending the adoption of the distribution and rating proposed by Mr. Fernandez, with two modifications, 1st, that Garmala is taken from Class I and put into Class II and that Rasikpur may be put in Class II with a rating of Rs. 3-8-0.
9. As to the water-rates on rice land, the rate in the Kalambandi villages may remain unaltered, subject (as recommended by all the officers reporting) to any change which may be necessary if these and other villages are brought under the Irrigation Act. The guarantee must be limited as pointed out in the Collector's paragraph 35.

The present rice water-rates on all villages are shown in the accompanying statement. The six non-Kalambandi Daskosi villages of Class 2, for which Mr. Ozanne had no figures (see his paragraph 7), are Kajipur, Vavdi, Setra, Damri, Vadala and Gobhlaj. These figures have now been added to the statement.

I agree with the Survey Commissioner and the Collector that there is not sufficient reason to adopt the proposal at paragraph 54 of Mr. Fernandez's report. It will be sufficient to have two maximum rates: for rice water-rate, Rs. 3 in classes I and II and Rs, 3-4-0 in class III with Rs. 3-8-0 for Limbasi, It should be remembered that all rice land has been assessed for subsoil water, and it is not necessary to keep on the special village rate when it is bigher than that now proposed. If they hereafter get the benefit of an extension of the Khári water, then and then only should they be liable to pay more.
10. The proposals about trees in Mr. Fernandez's paragraph 60 are reason able. The same may be said about the Bháta rates.
11. But there is a very great difference of opinion about the Dhekudiat rates.
12. Mr. Fernandez's recommendations are that the Rs. 2 per acre rate should be kept for dhekudis on the Sábarmati and Wátrak, and the Re. I rate for Kanera on the Khári ; but that with this exception a bág rate of Rs. 8 should be substituted in the other villages on the Khari.
13. Mr. Ozanne has at some length recorded his objections to the Dhekudiat system and his preference for the bag rate. The whole question was carefully discussed at the time of the Dholka revision survey, Government Selection CCXVII, New Series, and was then settled in favour of the Dhekudiat system.
14. At Mr. Ozanne's request I referred the papers back to the Collector, Mr. Cooke, and I now quote from his letter:-

[^19]for complaint. The principle is thoroughly understood regarding "Kaccho' wh reply to his reference I was able to give Mr. Ozanne numerous instances where $t$ has been struck off on the well falling in or proving useless.
"The instance of the well at Pimparia is an individual case: the petitioner wor wo have applied direct to the Mámlatdár who, without reference to this office, consulted Mr. Hathieson, Assistant Superintendent of Survey, and on the strength of his advice gave them reply to the effect that nothing can be done till the revised settlement is introduced Mr. Ozanne's other instances merely illustrate the ignorance of the rayats above alluded to, and his statement 'Government is needlessly losing revenue' is mere assumption. He admits 'I did not inquire on this point', and indeed has to qualify his assertion by the words 'unless a bag rate is taken'.
"Mr. Ozanne has made one other statement for which I know no substantial ground. He writes 'the result is that the people clamour for a return to the old bag rate,' I have never heard any expression of this desire. I. can understand the thriftless and poor cultivators, who have neither energy nor means to work a Dhekudi, desiring such a change, and if an officer came to the spot making enquiries, they would probably clamour, for the change would enable them to evade all payment for water (except sub-soil water of which they know little or nothing) ; but I am quite unable to believe that the Mátar Patidár deliberately desires this change. I have not been in Mátar this year, but in previous years I have spent a good deal of time on the banks of the Watrak and have never had cause to suspect such a desire. The Kaira rayats are; moreover, forward to petition, and for preference they have a habit of petitioning the Collector direct, but I carmot recall a single petition expressing this desire.
"I have written at some length because I think it important to show my grounds for stating that Mr. Ozanne has been misled and that, so far as Mátar is concerned, there is no sufficient ground for re-opening the question of the soundness of the principle of Dhekudiat assessment beyond the fact that the stipulation regarding its being struck off when facilities for constructing Dhekudis cease by action of the river has been forgotten by the rayats und left unworked by those in authority, a matter for regret, which need not recur. .
"If my personal opinion on the merits of Dhekudiat assessment is of any value I may say that notwithstanding all its difficulties I am strongly in its favour, and I believe every careful cultivator desires its perpetuation. The bag rate is looked upon as a very heavy tax, and I am afraid would prove generally prohibitive. It is possible that this may not prove so when once the rayats have become accustomed to it, but I have come across individual instances in the Collectorate where good wells with ample water remain untouched, and I can instance one at this moment at Tarpura in A'nand Talaka, which I visited on the 23 rd ultimo.
"I think the best course will be for the Survey Department to record clearly and separately the Dhekudiat assessment and the sub-soil water assessment and at the time of giving out the rates to explain the stipulations regarding them, to the assembled rayats. Then when faclities for constructing Dhekudis cease the. Dhekndiat assessment can be struck off at once and the sub-soil water assessment substituted: on the other hand when new land, unassessed to Dhekudiat rates, becomes irrigable from Dhekudis, the sub-soil assessment can be removed and a bág rate of Rs. 8 be taken whenever water is used. The system is not a very perfect one or quite consistent, but it is the best the circumstances of the case allow, and I trust Government will sanction Mr. Fernandez's proposals on these conditions."
15. Mr. Cooke does not attempt to deny the mistakes that have been made, and they are much to be regretted, but I think that if the Dhekudiat rate is shown, as it should be separately in the village papers, and if the system is carefully explained to the people when the rates are announced, there is little reason to fear that these mistakes will be repeated. I do not myself consider that Mr. Ozanne has shown sufficient reason to upset the system laid down in paragraph 6 of Government Resolution No. 796, dated 3rd February 1888.
16. With this important exception I agree with Mr. Ozanne's views as summed up in his paragraph 12.

G. B. REID, Commissioner, N. D.

Statement referred to in paragraph 9 of the Commissioner, $N . D$.'s endorsement No. 1663, dated 6th May 1893.


# The SURVEY COMMISSIONER and DIREOTOR of LAND RECORDS and AGRICULTURE, 

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## Sil,

I am directed to inform you that Government have had under consideration the proposals for the revision survey of the Mátar Táluka of the Kaira Collectorate submitted with your No. 854 of the 1st April 1893. They observe that in. severdl recent revisions the grounds shown for a 33 per cent, increase have been much stronger, while the increase recommended has been less, and under these. circumstances they hesitate to approve of rates which work out even with the modifications you have recommended to nearly 40 per cent in group $\downarrow$ and 29 per cent, in the whole district.
2. In the case of the villages included in group II, the increase proposed may be justified as chiefly due to the necessity of raising the dry-crop rates of the old Jetalpur and Dholka villages so as to bring them into line with the oldMátar villages and with the rates imposed at the recent revision of the Dholka Táluka, But the reports and statistics furnished do not show that the Mátar Táluka, as a whole, has advanced at all during the current settlement. The one tangible ground for increase which has been suggested is the opening of the Godhra-Rutlam Railway, which may be expected to materially improve the market for the tobacco crops of the villages forming the proposed groups I and II. It appears to Government to be doubtful if the advantages gained by the railway will justify an increase of 39 per cent. in group I. It has been urged that the dry-crop rate must be raised to prevent disparity as compared with the anticipated increase in the rates in the Nadiad Táluka. It may be observed, however, that if the effect of the imposition of the sub-soil water in Nadiád and other adjacent talukas in running up the pitch of the assessment is anything like what it appears to be in the case of Mátar, it is doubtful whether any great addition to the present nominal dry-crop rates in those talukas will be practicable. It appears to Government, as at present advised, that the rates for group I should be reduced in such proportion as will limit the increase to 20 per cenv. As regards group II, were it not for the increase in the dry-crop rates of the old Jetalapur and Dholka villages referred to above, this limit would not be exceeded, and the proposed rates might, therefore, stand. In group III, which will not benefit by the new railway, some reduction in the proposed rates appears necessary. This might be effected by reducing the rice water rate from Rs. $3 \frac{1}{4}$ to R.s. 3, which is the general pitch of the táluka, or should it be thought (vide the concluding sentence of paragraph 54 of Mr. Fernandez' report) that, as a matter of principle, the rice water rate should be kept higher in this group than in the others in view of the advantages it derives from the drainage from them, by reducing the dry-crop rate by a corresponding amount, or by reducing both the rice water and dry-crop rates to such an extent as to limit the increase to about 10 per cent.
3. I am to request that you will favour Government with your further opinion on these points, and, unless you have reasons to urge against the reductions suggested, as to the particular form and direction in which they may best be made, so as to give the benefit of them to the villages or descriptions of land which most need it,

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient Servant,
> W. L. HARVEY, Under Secretary to Government.

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I have the honour, in obedience to Government letter No. 6091, dated 23rd August, to submit Appendix P revised. It will be seen that 'Garmála has been included in group II and that Rasikpur has a special rate lower than the rate of the group to which it belongs.
2. The rates on which the figures in this revised statement are based, are as follows:-


In group I the villages rated at Rs. 5-8 under Mr. Fernandez' proposals are thas reduced to the rate at which Mr. Fernandez placed 4 villages besides Garmála. His only object in rating these at a lower figure was to prevent a large enhancement. In Ratanpur 18 per cent. of the enhancement is due to dhekudiat, which did not exist formerly. In Antroli the old rate was only Rs. 4. Excluding the differences thus resulting, there is no other explanation of the comparatively large enhancement than the excellence of new rice and the wider application of the sub-soil water scale.
3. In group II similarly the double dry-crop rate has been eliminated, and all the villages rated at the lower of Mr. Fernandez's two rates. Rasikpur remains at a special rate of Rs. 3-8.

The enhancement in the old Jetalpur villages, Nos. 20 to 35 of Appendix $P$, must still remain high, though by reducing the rice water maximum from Rs. 6 in Gobhlaj and Rs. 5-8 in Setra, Damri and Vadála to Rs. 3, because they are not villages enjoying the Khári irrigation, avoidable irregularity has been removed, In some cases the enhancement is due to increase of dhekudiat, which cannot be taken into account. As to the kalambandi villages, the high rates are due to the retention of the special rice water maximum for special water-supply, together with the increase in the soil rates. Under the Gujarat *uryey system the latter increase affects the assessment on rice land.
4. In group III the revised proposals now shown in Appendix P Iower the dry-crop and the rice water maximum rates from Rs. 4 to Rs. 3-12 and trom Ris. 3-4 to Rs. 3 uniformly, no higher rate being proposed for any village. In two villages, Bhálada and Pariaj, the increases still are comparatıvely high, but the reason is evident, viz. a very large increase in new rice. The high increase in Punaj is due to its former lower dry-crop maximum.
5. The effect of the modifications now finally proposed may be thus summarized. The enhancement in group I will be reduced from $37 \frac{1}{2}$ to 29 per cent:, in group II from $32 \frac{3}{4}$ to 27 per cent, and in group III from 20 to 12 per cent.; while on the whole taluka the reduction will be from $29 \frac{3}{4}$ to 23 per cent. These comparisons are made, not with Mr. Fernandez's original proposals, but with those submitted in this office memorandum of 27 th July.
6. I have not thought it right to lower group I to so low a figure as that suggested in the Government letter, because group I was rated too low at the old settlement. It is part of the Charotar, and will get all the benefit of the Godhra-Rutlam extension. I ask a careful reperusal of the latter part of paragraph 8 of my letter No. 854, dated 1st April, in this correspondence. "The gradient should not have been made between Dholka and Mátar (at the
origitalal settlement), but between Mátar and Nadiád, being slightly relieved by a rise in the border Charotar villages of Mátar." It is this last remark to which I beg special consideration. From group I Garmála has been removed, and Khandhali and Haranj have from the first been excluded, because though they possess the healthy climate of the Gharotar, they are affected by salt efflorescences and surface floods, or both.
7. I have deemed it necessary to propose some relief, also, to the Bhál villages of group II. This is consistent with the opinion expressed by Government. The remedy for the kalambandi villages is not modified rating now, but the substitution for survey water assessment of the charges leviable under Act VII of 1879.
8. In group III I have acted directly according to the orders received. I did not from the first look with approval on the higher water rate proposed by Mr. 'Fernandez for this poor group, but I thought that the lowering, which I admitted in part, would meet the necessities of the case. I am not sorry that Government desires that a still further decrease should be conceded. I trust that the direction and distribution of the ordered concession will meet with sanction.
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$* *$
I have the honour to he,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
E. C. OZANNE,
Survey Commissioner and Director,
Land Records and Agriculture.

Statement to accompany the Survey Commissioner and Director


## DIX $P$.



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AP PENDIX


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Revenue Survey and Assessment : Revision Survey of the Mátar Táluka of the Kaira Collectorate.

No. 1082.

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Bombay Castle, 10th February 1894.
Memorañdum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 1663, dated 6th May 1893-Submitting,

Letter from the Deputy Superintendent, Gajarát Revenue Survey,
No. 158, dated 28th February 1893.
Letter from the Collector of Kaira, No. 859, dated 18th March 1893.

Letter from the Survey Commissioter and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, No. 854, dated Ist Aprii 1895.
with his remarks, the papers noted in the margin, containing proposals for the revision settlement of the Mátar Taluka of the Kaira Collectorate.

Memorandum from the Commissiener, N. D. No. 2590, dated 11th July 1893-Submitting, in continuation of his memorandum No. 1663, dated 6th May 1893, one from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agricultare, No. s.-1478, dated 21st June 1893, together with a letter No. 1762, dated 8th idem, from the Collector of Kaira, who forwards petitions of objections from the rayats of five villages of the Mátar Taluka against the proposed revised rates.
Letter from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, No. s.-2196, dated 23rd September 1893.
Letter from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, No. 5.-2875, dated 7th December 1893-Submitting an extract from the forwarding report of the Collector of Kaira on the revision proposals for the Mehmadabad Taluka on the subject of dhekudiat àssessment; and paking remarks.
Resolution.-The papers contain proposals for the revision settlement of the Mátar Táluka of Kaira, excluding 8 villages, of which 3 have a permanent settlement, and 5 are held under other than Survey tenures. The old measurement was accepted as correct, and the record was simply brought up to date. The classing was done on the partial system, but 6 villages were partly re-classed on account of changes made by the rivers, and re-classification was done in 4 on account of the increase of salt. Dhekudiat land had also to be carefully examined, and the revised scale for sub-soll water assessment had to be applied to the whole táluka:
2. The reports contain a full account of the condition of the táluka and of its history under the lease. The rainfall may be looked on as fairly certain, and the taluka is exceptionally well off in respect of facilities for irrigation. The abundance of water at the same time tends to make it very unhealthy, and the mortality from malarial fever is very great: The revenue history of the táluka has been fairly good, and the amount of serious pressure necessary for the collection of the reveune has not been very great. Prices were high at the time of the first settlement, and while the prices of rice and bajri are higher now than then, that of wheat is lower. The statistics given in paragraph 32 of the Deputy Superintendent's report do not afford a comparison between the condition of the táluka in 1862-63, when the current lease was settled, and the present condition; they show, however, that between 1886 and 1891 ploughs and agricultural cattle decreased by $2 \cdot 75$ and 9.75 per cent. respectively, while milch cattle, sheep and goats, and horses increased in number, It is probable that these figures are not quite accurate, but it is clear that the táluka has not made such an advance as to justify the enhancement of the assessments up to the maximum limit. New roads have, however, been constructed, and irrigation channels cleared at considerable expense, and the opening of the Godhra-Rutlám Railway affords special facilities for the removal of produce.
3. The Deputy Superintendent proposed to divide the village into three groups with rates' as shown below :-


The officers through whom these papers have been submitted concurred in the rates suggested, Mr. Cooke recommended that the village of Garmala, which has been placed in Group I, should be placed in the second group, and

Mr. Ozanne suggested that a maximum rate of Rs. 3-8-0 should be applied to the village of Rasikpur, which has been included in Group II.
4. On a careful examination of the proposals, and having in view the unhealthiness of the táluka and the limited adrance, if any, made by the táluka during the current lease, Government entertained considerable doubt as to the advisability of sanctioning the proposed rates, which, even with the modifications suggested, worked out to an increase of 38 per cent. in Group I, and 30 per cent. on the whole táluka, and came to the conclusion that a moderate increase, based on the considerations referred to in the last sentence of paragraph 2 above, should be levied. Mr. Ozanne was accordingly requested in Government letter No. 6091, dated 23rd August 1893-
(a) to reduce the total increase in Group I to about 20 per cent., and
(b) to reduce the dry crop or rice water rates in Group No. III so as -to produce a total increase of about 10 per cent. only.
Mr. Ozanne has now submitted his revised proposals with the following rates:-


The application of these rates reduces the increase on the whole táluka to 23 per cent. and the increases in the several groups to 29,27 and 12 per cent. respectively, and His Excellnecy the Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the revised proposals in regard to Groups Nos. I and III, in the former of which the increase is largely due to the extension of rice cultivation. As regards Group No. II, Government observe that the increase of nearly 33 per cent. originally proposed by Mr. Ozanne is chiefly due to the necessary increase in the dry-crop rates of the old Jetalpur and Dholka villages to bring them into line with the old Mátar villages and with the rates imposed at the recent revision of the Dholka Taluka of the Ahmedabad District, and do not consider that a sufficient case has been made out for adopting the inconvenient course of reducing the existing nominal maximum rates in the villages belonging to the 2nd and 3rd Groups of the original settlement. They are accordingly pleased to sanction the Rs. 4-8-0 rate originally proposed for these villages. The special rate for Rasikpur should be fixed at Rs. 3 on the distinct understanding that at the next revision the rates in this and. the old Jetalpur villages will be assimilated to those in the rest of the group.
5. The bháta rates and the proposals regarding trees are sanctioned, as also the recommendation made by Mr . $\cdot$ Cooke as regards the village of Garmála.
6. The petitions of objections forwarded do not disclose any reasons for withholding sanction to the rates, which should be introduced during the current year, and, except in the case of land affected by the orders contained in the next paragraph, be guaranteed for the usual period of 30 years.
7. As regards the question of dhekudiat assessment, the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture should be requested to calculate the sub-soil water assessment at the rates sanctioned on the lands shown as subject to dhekudiat assessment, and add the amount to the dry-crop assessment shown in column 21 of Appendix $P$, deduct it from the dhekudiat figures in column 27, and report the result to Government. On receipt of this information, further orders can be passed as to whether the dhekudiat assessment should be levied or not, and if so, in what form.

> W. L. HARVEY, Under Secretary to Government.

To
The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Collector of Kaira (with the petitions of objections).
The Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture;
The Accountant General,
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat.
The Government of India,
I'he Secretary of State for India. $\}$ By letter.
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## Bombay Castle, 10th July 1894.

Letter from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, No. s.-382, dated 17th Febraary 1894- Requesting orders on some points connected with Government Resolution No. 1082, dated 10 th idem, on the revision settlement of the Mátar Táluka of the Kaira District; and observing as follows :-
" 2. I have interpreted paragraph 4 of the Resolution as conveying the sanction of Government to $\rho$ maximum soil rate of Rs. 4-8-0 in Group II, except for the old Jetalpur villages and for Rasikpur ; and as regards the water-rate for rice land, to a maximğm of Rs. 3 in all the villages in Group II, except the Kalambandi villages, where the present maximum rate is to be retained with the express stipulation that in the event of the application of Act VII of 1879 there shall be no bar to the substitution of Canal rates. I. have further instructed Mr. Fernander that the Igatpuri concession is to be extended to Matau.
"3. I would respectfully point ont that if the object of paragraph 7 is to enable Government to consider whether the assessment on dhekudiat land should be simply the dry-crop assessment with the increment for sub-soil water advantage, and to compare the assessment so calculated with the assessment on dhekudiat land made uppartly of the regular soil assessment and partly of the dhekudiat water-rate under the dhekudiat rules, the report asked for by Government will not give the desired information, that is, will not show separately the two component factors of the dhekudiat assessment-soil and water-now clubbed together in column 27 of $\Lambda$ ppendix Q. If, however, after the word 'calculate' in line 3, the words 'the soil and' are interpolated, and if the words in lines 5 and 6 from 'deduct' to 'column 27 ' are erased, the statement prepared accordingly will give all possible information. To make my meaning clear, I will give an example from the Mehmadabad Táluka for which I have all the details available now. -
"4. In the village of Kaira the total present demand is Rs. 11;812. The proposed assessment is as follows:-

"Now if to the figure of column 21 is added the soil assessment on the dhekudiat area (Rs. 442) and the sub-soil assessment on the same area (Rs. 71), the sum will be Rs. 8,901. This; added to the assesement on new rice, old rice and bbáta, will give a total of Rs. 13,702, and compared with the present demand a percentage increase of 16 .
"The dry-crop plys dhekudiat assessment, Rs. 8,986 (Rs. $8,388+598$ ) compared with the dry-crop assessment including dhekudiat treated- as dry-crop, Rs. 8,901 (Rs. $8,388+442+71$ ), shows that treating dhekudiat according to the rules now in force will give a revenue of Rs. 85 more than if it is treated as dry-crop with sub-soil increment.
"If Rs. 85 are added to Rs. 71, the total (Rs. 156) will represent the water charge according to dhekudiat rates, now included with the soil charge in column 27. I believe that this is exactly the information that Government desires, and I have, subject to orders on this letter, instructed Mr. Fernandez to make the addition and erasure in paragraph 7 noted above."
Letter from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Laǹd Records and-Agriculture, No. s.-561, dated 5th March 1894:-
"I have the honour to submit, with reference to paragraph 7 of Government Resolution No. 1082, dated 10th February 1894, a table showing the villages in which land has been assessed under the dhekudiat rules, with details as to the soil assessment on such area, the dhekudiat water assessment under dhekudiat rules, and the sub-soil water assessment which has been adjudged to the dhekudiat area, but not entered in Appendix $P$, inasmuch as by the Dholka ruling, sub-soil water assessment cannot be levied on the area on which dhekudiat water assessment has been charged.
"2. It will be noticed that the sum of the totals of columns 4 and 6 of the appended statement, viz., Rs. 6,109, differs from the total of column 27 of Appendix P, submitted with this office No. 2196, dated 23rd September 1893 (Rs. 5,812). The difference is due to the modifications in the soil rates of Group II ordered by Government in paragraph 4 of ethe Resolution on Mátar.
" 3. If, as I presume, Government wishes to compare the assessments on the dhekudiat area assessed as dry-crop, and the assessment on that area under the dhekudiat rules, the following figures may be cited :-

The dhekudiat soil assessment proper (Rs. 4,766) will be the same in whichever way water charges are put on the dhekudiat area. If the dhekudiat water charge is eliminated, and a charge for the sub-soil water advantage substituted, the total assessment on the dhekudiat area will be decreasied by a sum of Rs. 582 . The incidence of sub-soil water assessment works out to Re. 0-10-8 per acre, while the dhekudiat water gives an incidence of Rs. 1-2-0 per acre.
" 4. As the dhekudiat water assessment is not modified by the modification in soil rates which Government has directed, and as I think the accompanying statement will give Government all the information which it desires for the purposes of passing a final decision as regards the dhekudiat area, I have not, pending orders on my letter No. 382 of 17 th February 1894, prepared Appendix P anew, to show the result of the modifications ordered by Government."
Letter from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, No. s.-1398, dated 9th June 1894-Forwarding, with reference to Government letter No. 90 -p., dated 1st May 1894, a statement for the talukas in Ahmedabad in which dhekudiat rates have been sanctioned on revision survey, showing the fizancial effect in each such taluka of substituting the sub-soil water assessment for that imposed under the dhekudiat rates on the areas subject to the latter assessment.
Memorandum from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agricultare, No. s.-1002, dated 23rd April 1894.
Resolution.-The interpretation put by the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture in paragraph 2 of his letter No. s.-382, dated 17th February 1894, on the orders passed in paragraph 4 of Government Resolution No. 1082, 'dated 10th idem, is correct. As regards the remarks made by Mr. Ozanne in paragraphs 3 and 4 of his letter, it may be observed that the intention of paragraph 7 of the Resolution quoted would be made more clear by omitting the words "deduct it" in the 5th line of the paragraph, and by substituting for them the words "deducting the dhekudiat assessment on the same land." This correction in the paragraph should now be made.
2. As regards the question of dhekudiat assessment, it appears from the reports received that the difference between the dhekudiat assessment and the dry-crop assessment including any increment on account of sub-soil water valuation to which the land may be liable is, in the case of the Mátar Táluka Rs. 582 , and in the tálukas already settled Rs. $\cdot 2,113$ only, or Rs. 2,695 in all. Under these circumstances it appears to Government that it will be better policy to forego this difference altogether than either (1) to maintain the dhekudiat assessment in its present form, at the cost of constant trouble and watchfulness if it is to be written off', as it should be, as often as, owing to changes in the river or other causes, water is no longer available, or at the risk of hardship to the occupants if that duty is neglected, or (2) to substitute a bag rate, as suggested by Mr. Ozanne, and thereby discourage the construction or use of dhekudis. This course should be followed accordingly in the case of Mátar and in future settlements in Kaira. Lands assessed at dhekudiat rates in the Ahmedabad District under settlements already sanctioned should also be admitted to the benefit of these order's.

# G. W. VIDAL, <br> Acting Chief Secretary to Government. 

To
The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Collector of Kaira,
he Collector of Ahmedabad (with copy of Government Resolution No. 1082, dated 10th February 1894)
The Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, The Accountant General,
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat.

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No. 55 of 1895.
From
E. MACONOCHIE, Esquire, Survey Settlement Officer, Gujarát;
To
The collector of Kaira.
Camp Surat; 13th March 1895.
SIR,
I have the honour to forward to you for submission to Government proposals for the revision settlement of the Thásra Táluka.

1. The original settlement of the táluka on Survey principles was carried

Original settlement. out by Major Prescott and Mr. Pedder in 1864. The former dealt with the Government villages, the latter with those of the Maleks. There seems to be no necessity now to report on the latter villages separately, as the relations of the Maleks with Government were finally settled through Mr. Pedder's exertions, and there is nothing in existing conditions to call for any special treatment.
2. The constitution of the taluka has been considerably modified since the last settlement. There were then 53 Governmentvillages, 27 máleki, 6 inámi, and 4 udhad jamábandi. In 1866-67, six villages known as the Umreth Tapa, and including the market town of that name, were transferred to A'nand and 6 villages on the north to Kapadranj, whilst 17 villages on the west, hitherto belonging to Mahudha and 5 udhad jamábandi villages of Nadiad on the south, were included within its limits. The Mahudha Táluka had been settled by Major Prescott in 1863. The taluka consists at present of, -

58 Senja villages.
27 Máleki villages.
6 Inámi villages.
9 Udhad Jamábandi villages.

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The present report deals with the 85 senja and máleki villages,
3. The revision measurement was of the usual partial nature. The old.

Revision measurement. work was confirmed, but oversized numbers and clubfar as possible corrected. No village wa whtlly re-measured.
4. Classification for revision purposes was of the same partial nature, and the original work was, under standing orders, accepted - as correct,
5. The following statement shows the increase in the number of fields resulting from the survey and the percentage difference in area:-


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Area by Survey.
6. The following statement contains a comparison of the area as shown by original and revision survey :-

| By original survey By revision survey | $\cdots$ | ... | Total. | Unarable Waste. | Remaining Arable. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Rs. | Rs. | Rs, |
|  |  |  | - 1,44,345 | 20,510 | 1,23,835 |
|  |  |  | 1,44,276 | 20,301 | 1,23,975 |
|  |  | Increase <br> Decrease | -...0. | -....' | 140 |
|  |  |  | 69 | 209 | -•••* |

7. The subjoined statement gives the details of that preceding :-


It is perhaps scarcely necessary to explain that the old garden areas have been absorbed into those of rice and dry-crop.
8. The Thásra Táluka situated in the eastern portion of the Kaira district is bounded on the north by the Kapadvanj Taluka
Boundaries and Population. and the Rewa Kántha State of Bálásinor, on the south- by the Mahi river and the A'nand Táluka, on the east by the Mahi which separates it from the Godhra Taluka of the Panch Maháls and the Gaekwar's territory, and on the west by the Nadiád Táluka and some Mahi Kántha villages. The population, which is chiefly Koli with a sprinkling of Musalmans and Kunbis, was returned in the census of 1891 as 95,622 . The area of the taluka is 256 square miles, giving a density of population of 373 to the square mile. The population in 1871, the first year for which figures are available for the táluka as at present constituted, was 85,601 . The increase in 20 years therefore has been $11 \cdot 7$ per cent only.
9. The physical features of the táluka are dealt with by Major Prescott

Physical Aspect. in paragraphs 3 and 7-15 of his report. The central portion consists of a fine goradu plain presenting much the same appearance as other parts of the district. Towards the Mahi, the surface undulates and, as the river is approached, is more and more cut up by nálas, so that cultivation becomes difficult where not impossible. The two most important features of the táluka are the Shedhi river and the mál lands. The Shedhi rises in the Mahi Kántha, and, entering the taluka at the north-east corner within two miles of the Mahi, flows in a tortuous course between high banks to the south-west corner and so into the Nadiád Táluka. With its high banks and muddy bed, it is a serious impediment to traffic at all seasons of the year; and though much has been done in the way of bridging during the last 30 years, there is ample scope for further improvements in this direction. Considering that the flow of water, though. small, is constant and the water sweet, curiously little advantage is taken of it for irrigation. Nothing has been
done in the way of bunds on the plan -recommended by Major Prescontt (see paragraph 11 of his report). At Gárwi Muwárá, a temporary bund has been made to enable carts to cross, and a certain amount of land is irrigated from the water thereby accumulated. In some villages it is said that there is not sufficient water, and that kacha wells cannot be dug because of rock. That much more might be made of it than is the case at present, is very certain, and perhaps the abolition of dhekudiat rates will have some effect in encouraging enterprise. In a year of excessive rainfall, such as the present, much damage is caused to the crops of all the villages on its banks. The cry is the same everywhere, that the crops have rotted, even where there has been no actual damage to the village sites, and many of the latter have suffered severely. In fact, it is difficult to imagine a river conferring fewer benefits on or causing more inconvenience to the country through which it flows than the Shedhi in Thásra. A permanent obstruction to traffic, and the cause of destructive floods, its capacities as a drain are only shown when water, not drainage, is required. The mál land is confined to the northern and western villages, where large stretches of uncultivated waste testify to difficulties of cultivation which will be described hereafter.
10. Since 1864 communications have been greatly improved in all directions. - The branch line of the B. B, and C. I. Railway Communications. to Pali, with stations within. the táluka at Dákore
Thásra, was completed in 1874. The line has since been extended to Godhra, and Thásra, was completed in 1874. The line has since been extended to Godira,
and finally in the present year to Rutlám. In 1875-76 the Shedhi was bridged between Dákore and the Railway station. VIn 1881 a metalled road between Dákore and Kapadvanj, and about the same time a cleared road between Páli and Bálásinor were opened for traffic. In 1890-91, the Shedhi was bridged at Menpur on the Bálásinor road, and in the next year between Thásra and Pipalváda. A bridge between Sanádrá and Sándheli would be a great boon to the northern villages, which depend at present for a decent crossing on the private enterprise of the people of Garwi Muwárá, an inám village.
11. Appendix A. gives the rainfall for the 8 years ending 1893. It has Rainfall. varied from 17 inches in 1888 to 47.58 in 1893. Rice is the most important crop in the táluka; and the average fall of 33 inches seems to be about the amount required for a good outturn. The heavy rains at harvest time in the present year damaged all crops more or less, though most of the rice had been cut. Owing to the large number of cultivators who depend for ploughing on hired cattle in years when it is necessary to take immediate advantage of the first rainfall, a considerable amount of land:remains fallow, as all the cattle are in use at the same time and poor cultivators cannot procure them on any terms.
12. The following statement shows the crops grows in the táluka and the percentage of the area occupied by each to the total area cultivated:

Cereals.


Orchard and Garden Produce.

| Vegetables Green fodder | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 005 \\ & 0.65 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Total | ... | 0.70 |
| Tobacco ... | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | ... | 0.48 |
| Condiments and Spices |  | ... | 1 | - ${ }^{\prime}$ | 0.07 |
| Oil-seeds. |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Sesame ... } \\ & \text { Castor-ail } \end{aligned}$ | ... | ... |  | ... | 0.79 |
|  | ... | -. |  | ... | 0.72 |
|  |  | ... | Total | $\ldots$ | 1.51 |
| Dyes | ... |  |  | ... | 0.01 |
|  | Fibres, |  |  |  | 1 |
| CottonOthers | ... | ... |  | ... | 122 |
|  | $\ldots$ | ** |  | ... | $0 \cdot 30$ |
| - |  | Total |  | ... | 1.52 |
| Miscellaneous | ... | . |  | $\cdots$ | 0.02 |

13. Cereals, it will be seen, occupy 78 per cent of the total area. Of these rice and bajri, which are mostly grown for sale, are the most important. The coarse grains bawto, bunti and kodra are grown for home consumption, very often on mál or other waste land which is taken up for a year or two, worked out and relinquished. Rice is almost entirely of the Sutarsal variety, which in the present year fetches Rs. 11 Bábáshai per kalsi ( 16 maunds) in the villages and Rs. 13 at Umreth. In one or two villages only, two better kinds are grown, Jirásál and Pankáli, the latter so called from the winged appearance of the husk. - Their price is Rs. 20 and 21 respectively. They require more water for cultiva--tion and are usually grown only where there is percolation from a tank. A small quantity of wheat and sesame is grown and exported. Cotton is grown of the perennial Rozi variety, and is partly consumed within the taluka, partly exported to Umreth. Tobacco is grown in small quantities, and is almost entirely consumed at home. Tur is, as in other parts of Kaira, grown for sale. There is very little irrigation either from wells or rivers. Onie or two acres of sugarcane may be grown in a year, not more. Water is usually found only at a considerable depth, and when near the surface is often brackish, whilst the utilization of water from the Shedhi requres more capital and enterprise than the people of the táluka seem to possess. There is a very large demand for rice from the neighbouring tálukas of Anand, Nadiád and Borsad, and on the extension of rice cultivation any increase of prosperity in the future seems to depend. Sirdár Ráo Bahádur Bechardás Veháridás has expressed his opinion that good tobacco could be grown in mál land. As however after sinking a great deal of money in Ajupura, he was unable to make tobacco-growing a success, the grounds of his belief are not very obvious. Several of the villages between the Shedhi and the railway ask for drainage cuts leading into the Mahi Kottars. A considerable quantity of land would be brought into cultivation if they were made and existing cultivation would suffer less from floods; but it is useless to discuss the feasibility of any such scheme at present.
$\sqrt{14 .}$ The only markets in the táluka are Thásra and Dákor. The kasba town has a large population of well-to-do Banyas, many of whom are or have been in the service of Government and Native States. To the savings of the latter invested in land in the neighourhood or in trade the prosperity of the town is in some measure to be attributed. Dákor has its importance as a place of pilgrimage. The crowds of pilgrims that assemble there every month must consume large quantities of grain. Business is, however; entirely of a retail nature, and the small dealers
appear to obtain their stock-in-trade mostly from Umreth. A large business in cloth stuffs of all kinds is carried on in Dákor, which provides the supply for the whole táluka. Far more important than either, however, is Umreth, which, situated in the A'nand Táluka, not two miles from the soutl-west boundary of Thásra, attracts most of the trade of the táluka. The Umreth prices rule the market and most of the saleable produce not disposed of at the door finds its way there. Rice is fir the most part sold at the door to cultivators and traders from the Charotar, who come with their carts, and buy their supplies for the year. The price obtained at the door seems to be generally Rs. 2 lower per 16 maunds than that ruling in Umreth, $\sqrt{ }$ Balasinor, though close to the north-eastern villages, has no importance as a market so far as this taluka is concerned, its rice demand being fully met by the villages of the State. The subjoined statement shows the amount of goods despatched from the four stations concerned during the last' 5 years. Probably the greater portion of that sent from Sevalia (Páli) consists of Bálásinor goods. From Dákor a large quantity of grass is exported. In the present year between 400 and 500 waggon-loads will be despatched to Bombay, principally for the use of the Tramway Company. A good deal of grain also is sent away from Dákor, and mhowra fruit and flowers are also exported in large quantities, Ghee is the only other important article that finds its way to outside markets. - As has already been stated, cotton and tobacco are mostly consumed within the táluka :-

14. The only fairs held are those connected with the worship of Ranchodji Fairs. (Krishna) at Dhákor, The following account given "Every full-moon brings crowds of devotees to Dákor, But the chief gatherings with from 50,000 to 100,000 pilgrims, many of them from the Deccan or from distant parts of Káthiáwár, are on the October, Aso and November, Kártik fullmoons. $\downarrow$ At other full-moons, the number of pilgrims varies from 5 to 10,000 , chiefly from Kaira and other parts of Gujarát. Besides the full-moon fairs, special gatherings are on three occasions held at Dákor, in March the Fa'gan sud agiáras: in June the car day, rathjatra: and in July-August, Krishna's birthday or Janmasthami. These are local gatherings of little importance, The passenger traffic of Dákor has increased from 126,060 in 1874 to 284,030 in 1877,". I am unable to give the figures for the present year, but there is no reason to suppose that there has been any decrease. As before mentioned no wholesale transactions take place on these occasions, but the consumption of grain, ghee and sugar must be very large.
15. From Appendix $D$ it appears that something over 74 per cent of the population comes under the head of Agricultural.

Percentage details of Population. About 10 per cent is said to have no interest in the of labour in the cultivating season is a common subject of complaint through. out the taluka and especially in the villages of Thásra and Dákor. As in other tálukas, the amount of land, the proprietary rights in which have passed out of the hands of the cultivators into those of money-lenders, is much greater than appears from village books. It is no exaggeration to say that very little superior land near Thásra belongs to the people who till it.

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17. The following comparative statement shows the

Population and resources. dvance in population and resources since 1872-73:-

| Population |  |  |  | 1872-73. | 1892-93. | Increase. | Deerease. | Percentage |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | ... |  | $\begin{array}{r} 62,710 \\ \quad 255 \end{array}$ | 72,353587 | 9,643 | $\ldots$ | +154+130 |
| Wells | ... |  | ... |  |  |  |  |  |
| Agricultaral cattle |  |  | . | 15,751 | 17,482 | 1,731 | ... | $\begin{array}{r} +109 \\ +31 \frac{1}{6} \\ +33 \end{array}$ |
| Cows, buffaloes and young |  |  |  | 26,147394 | 34,333263 | 8,186 | $\ldots$ |  |
| Horses | d $p$ |  | $\cdots$ |  |  |  | 131 |  |
| Sheep and goats ... ... |  |  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 5,503 \\ & 7,841 \\ & 1,520 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 6,887 \\ & 9,237 \\ & 2,541 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 1,384 \\ 3,396 \\ 1,021 \end{array}$ | ... | +25+178 |
| Ploughs |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Carts | ... | ... |  |  |  |  | ... | +67 |

These figures relate to the villages under report only. The figures for 1872-73 were obtained from the táluka and are probably approximately correct.
18. Population, it will be seen, has increased 15 per cent in the Govern. Population. ment villages as compared with 11 per cent for the whole táluka,
19. In the statement given above, the figures are for pukka wells only. Considering the very limited extent of well-cultivation in the táluka, the increase is surprising. In any case, however, the figures are not large. The details of wells and tanks will be found in Appendix $J$. There is no irrigation tank in the taluka and the rice crop is dependent on akasia water only. The taluka, with the exception of the western "mál" villages, is generally well off for water. Near the Mahi wells have to be dug to a considerable depth, but when water is reached it is plentiful and sweet. In the mál villages, however, when found near the surface, it is often tainted by the salts in the subsoil, and when deep, down, is scanty and only retched by breaking through rock or stiff concretionary strata. There are few good tanks and, what there are, require clearing. Villages near the Shedhi have plenty of water, but often of inferior quality.
20. Appendix $\mathbf{F}$ gives the details of agricultural stock. The increase

## Stock.

shown in the comparative statement is satisfactory, though considering the large area of waste available for grazing, it might be expected to be larger. The agricultural cattle throughout the taluka are generally speaking fine well-kept animals, and the village of Ness is noted for its breed. Even the cattle of the poorer cultivators are considerably superior to the Panch Maháls' breed. The number of all classes of cattle is 51,815 as compared with 58,773 of the Charotar Táluka of Borsad. Horses and ponies show a considerable decrease. This is probably due to the drain at the time of the Afghán war and the extension of railway and improvement of roads.
21. The increase of ploughs has somewhat more than kept pace with that

Carts and ploughs, of population. Carts on the other hand show a striking increase. No doubt the rise of the grass traffic on the Dákor-Kapadvanj road has had some influence as well as the general improvement of communications.
22. Appendix $G$ shows the state of industries. In Borsad there are three Industries times as many shops, ten times as many looms, three times the numbers of temples, and twice as many liquor shops. The proportion of liquor shops to so large a Koli population seems to show that the Kolis here are less addicted to drinking than their neighbours in the maháls.
23. Deaths, it will be seen, have varied with the rainfall as elsewhere

Births and deaths. throughout Gujarát, and inversely the same applies approximately to the births. Apparently less than 50 per cent. of children born are vaccinated
24. From Appendix H, it will be seen that in the matter of education the

Education. táluka is still very backward. The percentage of boys and girls under instruction to the total male and
female population of the táluka is $2 \cdot 5$ and 0.1 respectively, and the percentage of all learners to the total population is $1 \cdot 4$, Even in the backward Panch Maháls, the percentage of the last is 3 . The inclusion of Dákor with its municipal schools would no doubt bring the figures up somewhat.
25. Appendix I shows the proportion of numbers cultivated by occupants

Numbers caltivated by oocupants and lessees.
and on rent. I have no great faith in the accuracy of the figures, as a much more searching enquiry would be necessary to get at the truth. Appendix J had been referred to above.
26. Appendix K contains figures for 101 ordinary sales and shows that the value of land is, as might be expected, considerably below that of other Kaira tálukas. Appendix $K^{(1)}, L$
Sales and mortgages. and $L^{(1)}$ show similar results and call for no particular comment.
27. From Appendix M, it appears that land is rarely sublet for more than Sub-lettings. five times its assessment, which seems to shew that the present rates are not unnecessarily low, a very common practice, when land has passed out of the cultivator's possession by mortgage, is for him to continue to cultivate it taking half the produce and handing over the other half to the mortgagee. When a money-rent is paid, double the assessment seems to be the usual rate near Thásra.
28. Appendix N shows the course of prices for the five years prior to the introduction of the settlement and the subsequent Prices. 30 years. The figures for the 5 years ending 1892-93 are those obtained from the Director of Land Records and Agriculture. It is to be feared that those of the other years are only approximately correct. Taking the averages, it will be seen that the prices of bájri, jowári and paddy for the last decade are 29, 41 and 30 per cent higher than during the five years preceding the settlement. Compared with the prices of the first decade, they have fallen 18, 2 and 19 per cent, whilst since the second decade, they have risen 8, 27 and 16 per cent, respectively. Captain Prescott's reports do not show how far he was influenced in making his proposals by the high prices then ruling. As however the whole period during which the settlement was proceeding, from the time of Captain Prescott's preliminary report down to the final resolution of Government, was one of abnormal prices, it is probable that all the officers concerned looked to prices higher than those of the years immediately preceding 1863, to justify the rates imposed. I should hesitate, therefore, to base any argument for an enhanced assessment solely on the excess of average prices over those ruling before the American war.
29. The rate of wages for agricultural labourers at the time of the Wages. original survey was 2 annas per diem with two as a rule 3 annas with cakes and vegetables. In the cultivating season 4 annas and more is paid, as'ishe supply is by no means equal to the demand. Wages may be taken to have increased at least 50 per cent. $V$
30. Appendix $\mathbf{O}$ contains the Revenue History of the villages under report

Revenue History. and is in three portions relating respectively to (a) 41 Senja villages of Thasra, (b) 17 villages of shown in columns 7, 8, 9 and 10 are much the same in all three groups. The introduction of the survey is marked by a considerable increase in the area under cultivation maintained more or less during the first decade. The second decade is a period of depression, the decreases in the average collection on the average of the first decade being (a) Rs, 5,466, (b) Rs. 3,538 and (c) Rs, 4,312 in the respective groups. The years 1870-71 to 1875-76 are marked by remissions in all the groups. The unfavourable character of those seasons and the consequent sufferings of the Kolis are described on pp. 114, 115 of the Kaira Gazetteer. It is to be noted, however, that in 1877-78, the year of greatest scarcity, no remissions were granted and the aree under cultivation increased bearing out the statement of the Gazetteer that on the whole it was a favourable year for Kaira cultivators. And it is probable that the remissions granted in the pres
ceding years were principally on account of land taken up for the railway, though the Mámlatdar states that they were due fo unfavourable seasons. In the last decade recovery has been steady in all the groups, each year showing an advance, so that in 1892-93, the receipts exceeded the averages of the first decade, in the three groups (a) Rs. 4,240, (b) Rs. 4,379 and (c) Rs. 6,490. When it is remembered that the results of the first decade were largely influenced by the abnormal and unhealthy stinulus of the cotton mania, the present progress, though not to be compared with that of more favoured tálukas, may be con, sidered satisfaetory.
31. It will be seen that apart from the usual remissions at the time of the introduction of the settlement, remissions have been

Recovery of Revenue and remissions, insignificant, and are mostly accountable to the extension of roads and railway. The subjoined table shows the extent of the difficulty experienced in recovering the revenue during the last three years. As pointed out in paragraph 26

| Year. | Village. | Notices, | Attach- <br> ments. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $1890-91$ | . | 60 | 1,054 |
| $1891-92$ | 18 |  |  |
| 1892.93 | . | 68 | 1,344 | of the annual report of the Director of Agriculture for the year ending 31st Octoker. 1894, the contrast with respect to the practice of issuing notices in areas, the conditions of which are similar, is very marked. And no doubt the contrast may be largely attributed to official idiosyneracies. The actual balances outstanding are probably a safer guide than the figures. shewn in the table. It will be seen that except in three years 1865-66, 1867-68 and 1870-71, when there were some outstanding balances in the Maleki villages, the whole revenue has been recovered.


| Sále of Waste. | 32. The sales of waste and the price of occupancy right realised during the last three years are shown here:- |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Years, | Acres, | Assessment. | Price, | Average number of times the Assessment is obtaned for occupancy rights. |
|  | A. g, | Rs, as, | Bs, a. p. | - |
| 1890-91 .." | 1,182 13 | 2,177 10 | $3,112 \quad 11 \quad 4$ | 1.42 |
| 1891-92 ${ }^{\text {¢ }}$ | 2,068 35 | 3,504 1 | 7,448 6 3 | 2.08 |
| 1892-93 | 1,604 39 | 2,849 5 | $2,35 \pm 19$ | -82 |

The results are what might be expected, considering the quality of the waste, which will be dealt with in the succeeding paragraphs, and the character and paucity of the cultivators.
33. From the foregoing it will be apparent that, under the existing settle-

General consideration. ment, the táluka has made isubstantial progress. Prices have on the whole risefi, a railway has been built, the eastern and western villages have been opened up by bigh roads, and the Shedhi has been bridged in several places. Population has increased, though less rapidly than in the -more prosperous portion of the district, and the same may be said of ploughs and the other agricultural necessaries. In the increased prosperity of the taluka, Goyernment is entitled to share and \%ome enhancement of the present rates of assessment is clearly justified.
34. In considering the question of the rates to be imposed, it will be borne in mind that there are three groups of villages, which were settled separately, the 41 Government villages of Thásra, the 27 Máleki villages known as the Baragám, and the 17 villages originally: belonging to Mahudha, The correspondence relating to the original settlement of these groups is appended to this report, with the exception of the Mahudha report, which has been printed as an appendix to the Nadiad revision report.
35. It would appear from Major Prescott's preliminary report (para. 12, Appendix R., page 39) and from paragraph 26 of Mr. Hadow's forwarding letter (Appendix R, page 43) that both these officers considered that the Thásra taluka had been previously somewhat heavily assessed, that this had checked
progress and that some caution would be necessary in applying new rates. As pointed out, however, by Mr. Robertson in his remarks on Captain Prescott's final report (paragraph 6, Appendix R, page 51), the real increase on cultivated land was one per cent only, so that the taluka was treated with moderation. With regard to Mahudha, it will appear from Captain Prescott's report, paragraph 17, that though the previous rates had been inequitably distributed, they were not too high and that the revised assessment then imposed was somewhat lower than it might have been. On the other hand, in dealing with the Maleki villages the Settlement Officer was confronted with the difficulty referred to in paragraph 52 of Mr. Pedder's report, that is, the fact that the " bighoti rates hitherto paid had been, as a rule, considerably higher than in similar khálsa villages." To have grouped the villages on purely settlement principles would have meant a loss to the Maleks and Government. It was very desirable not to put the Maleks against the settlement, and the rates finally imposed were therefore somewhat higher than in corresponding khálsa villages, and were calculated as much with a view to the character and skill of the cultivators as ta the situation with respect to market and climate. It will be seen, then, that in treating the present taluka as a whole, there are difficulties with regard to the grouping. To get a logical series of groups according to survey principles, either the Maleks must forego an increase on the present rates or even put up with a decrease, or the rates of corresponding khálsa villages must be raised to a pitch that will press very hardly on the poorer cultivators.
36. Another very real difficulty is the present multiplicity of groups, of which there are no fewer than 13. It is impossible to continue this state of things. Yet it would be unwise to check the progress of so backward a tíluka by a cast-iron application of the survey rules. At the last settlement, the difficulty was frankly admitted by all the officers concerned, and it was pleaded in Mr. Pedder's words : "That the survey rule which directs that villages similarly situated with respect to market and climate shall be similarly rated, be not very strictly adhered to, and that some difference in the maximum rate be allowed to meet differences in the average skill and means of the cultivators of different villages." In the same way, though the groups that I propose are more in accordance with rules than the old, I trust that similar considerations pay be allowed a certain weight, that the anomalies, from a survey point of view of the proposed grouping, may be admitted as unavoidable, and the perfecting of the map left over till the next settlement The Maleks are at present perfectly satisfied with their position, and it is most undesirable from every point of view to run the risk of unsettling their minds in order to avoid a triting sacrifice of principle,
37. The caprices of the Shedhi, and the destruction it causes have been already alluded to and might be deemed to warrant some reduction in the rates of the villages that suffer. Floods, however, only, occur in years of excessive rainfall and the proper method of meeting the difficulty is the grant of remissions.
38. The only important question connected with the grouping that remains to be dealt with is that of the lands technically known Mal land. as "Mál." Jhey have given rise to much discussion and have been the subject of experiment and report for many years. They have been described by Captain Prescott and the Honourable Mr. T.D. Little, C.I.E., in earlier days, and in the present year have been examined and reported on by two agricultural experts, Mr. Mollison and Mr. P. Rs Mehta. I shall endeavour to summarise here their conclusions as briefly as possible. The Mal tract may be said to include all the villages on the right bank or north of the Shedhi. Mál is not a particular kind of soil,. but to quote Mr. Mehta is :-" Waste land, the cultivation of which owing to some inherent defect presents considerable or insuperable difficulties." It includes black soil and goridu, salt soil and sweet. The salt area is very limited in Thásra and is scattered about in small patches throughout the villages. "In such lands, the salt makes its appearance in an efflorescence known as "Us" and the lands are termed "Usar." The infertility of the greater portion of the Mal - is generally ascribed to want of proper drainage. Captain Prescott concludes that "want of proper under-draining is the real cause." Mr. Little says: "The true cause of land lying waste can, I think, be
traced to the impervious nature of the soil, and subsoil, which allow rain water to stagnate on and near the surface, rendering the top soil soft and marshy, until the drying takes place, when it quickly becomes too hard and dry for the plough. The upper stratum swells with the wet, becomes spongy and on drying contracts again, shrinking unevenly, and leaving numerous rents and fissures on the surface. These fissures are made receptacles for stagnant water, and they increase in size till they become large holes such as are seen on all Mál land of this description." Messrs. Mollison and Mehta give a similar description, and the former adds :-"A concutionary bed of limestone exists at a depth varying from 18 inches to 5 feet, which is impervious to water, and it is on this account that the soil after rain gets into a quagmire condition. . ..... During dry weather, the soil soon dries and bakes very hard." Sirdár Ráo Bahadur Bechardás Viháridás, who has had long and practical acquaintance with this land, says :-
"When there is rain and the land well saturated with water, it takes some time before it becomes fit for ploughing. This is here technically called 'Varíp,' that, is fit for the plough to make furrows. 'Varáp' occurs all of a sudden and the soil becomes at once hard and unploughable. When there is a large downpour of rain, the land becomes unploughable altogether, and the time for ploughing goes away.' This description applies to the whole of the Mál tract to a greater or less degree."

## Mr. Mehta says:-

"'Ihe term 'Kharadin' is applied to the soil whichcontains concrè tionary nodules, and sometimes small smooth pieces of black-stone are found mixed with them. If the latter ingredient preponderates, the soil is known as 'Maradia' or stony. The water-logged condition of soil abovementioned is locally known as 'Rechan' and the land so affected is termed 'Rechal'."
39. In the foregoing paragraph, the most prevalent difficulty with which agricultuists have to contend has been described. There are others, however, to be ncticed, and first of these is the presence of salts in the soil. This defect is far more common in Kapadvanj than Thásra, but it undoubtedly exists in places, and may be detected in the rains by the patchy appearance of crops in the viMages affected. Mr. Mollison, however, says, "I do not think that the soil of the Mál lands would prove physically defective under cultivation on account of an undue proportion of salt." And in his remarks on the Kapadvanj salt lands, he expresses the opinion that the increase of salts on the surface is due to inferior cultivation. In fact, when cultivation is good, the evil is a minimum; when cultivation is bad, it is increased to a destructive degree.
40. Other circumstances tending to check colonization from outside enumerated by Sirdár Ráo Bahádur Bechardás are the following :-
(1) The malarious character of the climate which: incapacitates cultivators from work at critical seasons.
(2) The predatory habits of the Kolis already settled there, and the consequent insecurity of all property in the shape of crops and cattle.
41. Captain Prescott in paragraph 18 of his Mahudha report, when dealing with his 11 th group, which included many of the villages now concerned, said:-
"The maximum dry-crop rate has been fixed at Rs. $2-0-0$, but as the classification of the waste mal land is low, the average rate is very moderate, and I have every confidence that after two or three years, when the people understand the new system, very little, if any, of this land will remain
He pointed out that this result could be brought about-
(1) By the grant of special terms to agricultural capitalists.
(2) By Takávi advances.

But what is the present state of affairs? In 33 typical mal villages, the area of waste was in 1864-65, acres 20,475 , and in $1892-93$ it was 18,555 acres. That is, in 28 years, in spite of the pressure of population in neighbouring talukas, barely 2,000 acres had come under the plough.
42. The efforts of Government towards inducing cultivation have been in

## two directions:-

(1) Drainage.
(2) The grant of favourable leases to agricultural capitalists.
43. A drainage experiment was carried out in Rámpur Chandrásar in 1867-68. A tract of land 100 acres in extent was selected. This tract had a surface slope and a natural outfall into the village tank.

Drainage was given to the greater portion by-
"Small oper drains of about 1 superficial foot cross section, cut so as to have a fall of from $6^{\prime \prime}$ to $1^{\prime}$ in $100^{\prime}$ laid out parallel at distances of $100^{\prime} . "$
Of the whole area, 4 acres were regularly sub-soil drained in addition by means of roofing tiles laid down whole and not semi-cylindrical leading into open drains. These pipes got clogged with grass roots, and the experiment which cost Rs. 1,057 was a failure. The Executive Engineer attributed the failure to the unsuitable nature of the pipes. The experiment was not renewed, and it is clear that any draining of that nature to be a success would be most costly, and a profitable return more than problematical.
44. Leases have been granted in several villages. The most important is that granted to the Desai of Nadiad in Ajupura and adjoining villages. Now if any one could have made cultivation a success in these villages, it would have been the Desáis with their immense influence in the chief cultivating. caste of Gujarát, their large capital, and their unrivalled agricultural experience. Yet in the present year, out of 3,000 acres included in the lease, less than 200 are cultivated. The terms of the lease which expires this year were as follows:Assessment was to be paid on a minimum of 100 acres. Full assessment was to be paid on any portion of 100 acres cultivated, and on the remainder lying uncultivated, the average assessment of all land included in the lease amounting to Re. 1-3-3 per acre. On the rest of the land remaining uncultivated, $\frac{1}{4}$ assessment was to be paid. 'The terms may, therefore, be said to be very favourable. At the time that experiments were being carried on with a view to producing tobacco fit for the European market, Rs. 30,000 were sunk in building an.underground curing echamber, and 40 Kunbi families were induced to settle. The experiments were for several reasons a failure; some of the Kunbis died of ferer and the rest were so disheartened by sickness and the difficulties of tillage that they went to their homes, leaving the advances made to them by the Desáis unpaid. A certain amount of good tobacco was grown, but the yield was light, and the conclusion seems to be that without constant and skilful tillage, and a sufficiency of manure, this land is useless for cultivation.
45. In Chetarsumba 556 acres assessed at Rs. 692 are leased to the Irish Presbyterian Mission. On all land that is cultivated full assessment is paid, and in the first year half the assessment in addition for occupancy right. On land remaining under grass assessment is paid at the rate of Rs. 100 per 1,000 acres. At the present time, 125 acres only are cultivated, the remainder being kept under grass, which is sold to a Pársi contractor. Some five years ago a lease was granted to Mr. Garbaddás Haribhái, a Nadiád Pátidár. He took up 1,068 acres in the villages of Sayat, Rawalia and Vithalpura. He was to pay full assessment on 500 acres in the first year and in the second on 575 , and sa on by increments of 75 acres each year, and in case more than that amount was cultivated on the actual area under tillage. He imported some 15 familes of Kunbis, Pátanwadia Kolis and Pagis from villages of the A'nand and Nadiád Tálukas, the conditions being that he should bear the cost of clearing and preparing the land, and receive half the produce in return. He built houses for the cultivators and cleared about 800 bighas of land at a cost of Rs. 15,000 Bábáshai.. The cultivators stayed for three jears and finding the return unremunerative went back to their homes. In the present year 50 bighas only were cultivated and the return from the yield of this land, and from the grass growing on the waste, was Rs, 600 only, while the assessment to be paid was Rs. 1,215. Mr. Garbaddás attributes the failure of his specution to-
(1) Poverty of soil,
(2) The hard terms of the lease,
(3) The scarcity of water, wells having been sunk to a depth of 85 feet without result.

Similar have been the experiences of some Kaubis of Karamsad, who in the three years 1891-93 took up 238 acres in Sayat. They laid out some Rs. 12,000 in clearing the land and filling up holes, got no return, and threw it up in disgust this year.
46. The question that naturally arose when the subject came under discussion this year was, "Has the mál land been properly classcd ?" The conclusion seems to be that the classification was properly done and that the elements affecting fertility are of such a nature that no classer under the present system could apportion their value with any degree of correctness. Under the orders of the Survey Commissioner, therefore, the idea of a reclassification was dropped.
47. Are these tracts then to be considered useless or must they be handed over at nominal prices to the casual labours of cultivators, who will scratch the land for a year or two and then relinquish it for other virgin soil? Fortu--nately neither conclusion is necessary. A large portion of the tract grows extremely good grass, and the aim of Government in the future should be to foster and encourage the grass trade rather than hazardous and unprofitalle cultivation. Some four years ago, the capacities of the land for the production of grass began to be recognised; the Bombay Tramway Company employed an agent at Dakor and at the pesent time between 400 and 500 waggon-loads are sent away annually by rail. In the present year, the Bombay Tramway Company have contracted for $4,500,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. of hay and the Surat Pinjrípole requires 800,000 . Besides this, a considerable quantity is sold in the Bombay market. Mr. Mollison gives the following figures with regard to the outturn and cost of cutting and export:-"An acre produces 1,000 lbs. of hay in a poor year and up to $1,800 \mathrm{lbs}$. in a good year. I saw a good deal of mál land which would yield more, but for the Bombay market the sheaves are trimmed of any coarse grass, and it is probable that the yield of fine grass, may vary from .lbs. 1,000 to 1,500 per acre. The mean is $1,250 \mathrm{lbs}$. The contract price in Bombay is Rs. 9-8-0 per $1,000 \mathrm{lbs}$. The rail freight is Rs. 4 , haulage to railway costs 12 annas, and cutting and pressing Re. 1-4-0 yer 1,000. . The 'Iramway Company finds presses and baling material. The nef return to the contractor would be per 1,000 lbs. as under :-

|  |  |  |  |  |  | Rs. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Price in Bombay Deduet- | $\cdots$ | ." | ... |  |  | 9 | 8 |  |
|  |  |  |  | s. a. | p. |  |  |  |
| Freight and haulage | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | 412 | 0 |  |  |  |
| Cutting and Jaling | ... | ... | ... | 14 | 0 | 6 | 0 |  |
| Net return per 1,000 |  | $\cdots$ | ... |  |  | 3 | 8 | 0 |
| or per acre..: | ... |  |  |  | ... | 4. | 6 |  |

Out of this, the Government assessment has to be paid, and allowance must be made for "watching and supervision." In grass exported for the general market, there would be a certain proportion of the coarser varieties and the putturn would be greater. The present price in Bombay is Rs, 8 per 1,000 lbs.

The principal grass villages are Sui, Sámalpura, Chetarsumba, Ajupura, Ráni Pordá and Rámpur Chandrásar. A Pársi at Dákor has taken up 700 acres in Sui and 1,000 acres in Sámalpura at the full assessment. The Missionaries dispose of the greater portion of the land leased by them to the same person, and, considering the terms of the lease, no doubt make a handsome profit, Good grass would grow in several other villages if the waste were preserved; and as the demand increases, more land will undoubtedly be taken up. There seems to be no reason to anticipate any fall in the price of grass. Considering the general increase of stock and extension of cultivation in other districts the tendency of prices should be upward.
48. Lastly, the importance of the mál land as grazing grounds for the cattle of the Charotar is undeniable. In spite of the risk of theft and the injury to condition caused by the flies and mosquitoes that infest the mál a large number of cattle are sent to graze at certain seasons of the year. Mr. Mollison estimates that "f the men who take in cattle for grazing make probably Rs. 3
per acre in an average season." .In conclusion, he says: "The mal lands are not overstocked now, and should there be any reduction in the grazing area through an increased export of hay or otherwise the grass land would increase. in value. It would, in my opinion, be injudicious to encourage the breaking up of such land for tillage."

Under these circumstances, it is, I venture to think, unwise and unnecessary to attempt to encourage cultivation by any reduction of maximum rates. Therefore, whilst keeping the maximum rates of mal villages low, I propose a moderate increase, such as is justified by the improvements in communications since the last settlement. It will be apparent from Statement $\mathbf{Q}$ that the increase falls mainly on the better classes of land, that is rice lands. The increase on the mal numbers is very trifing and should in no way discourage grass contractors from taking it up at the full assessment; whilst, if agricultural capitalists are still anxious to tempt fortune with the plough, there will be nothing to prevent the Collector granting special leases similar to those now in existence.

49. The groups that I propose are six in number with maximum rates as shown in the margin. It will be seen that the water-rate is, in each case, as at present, one rupee less than that for dry-crop. Rice is the most important crop of the taluka, and the water-rates are not, I think, unreasonably heavy.
50. The first group includes the principal máleki villages south of the 1st Group. Shedhi, the kasba town, and the villages in the imeediate neighbourbood of Thásra, Dákor and Umreth. In dealing with an ordinary taluka, the rates would naturally be reduced proportionately with the distance from Umreth; but, as pointed out, there is the Máleks' interest to be considered. In Rustampura only, has the rate been increased from Rs. 4 to Rs. $4-8-0$, whilst in the two-Hangadis and Málvan-it has been lowered 4 annas. Páli and Rustampura as lying on the banks of the Mahi would naturally be lower than the rest. The present rate in Pali, however, is Rs. 4-8.0, and the Mâlek would certainly object to a decrease. Rustampura is not a bad village and there is no reason for treating it differently to Páli. Thasra itself naturally falls into the first group. Its present rate is Rs. 4-8-0; it is itself a market and is within easy reach of Dákor and Umreth. The latter consideration applies to all the remaining villages included in this group-Agarwa, Kalsar, and Ness, are all fine gorádu villages, and there is no reason why their rating should not be approsimated to that of the neighbouring Ánand villages.
51. The second group comprises 4 villages close to Thassra, but, cut off from it by the Shedhi, 8 on the east, which are more or less affected by the vicinity of the Mahi, and 3 close to Umreth but separated from it by the Shedhi.
52. The third group is all máleki. Four villages are on the Mahi banks, ${ }^{3}$ rd Groap. and the remainder on the Shedhi and generally considered as mall, villages. The former as lying on the Mahi and much cut up by nálas, I should rate at less than Rs. 3-12, but the present rates of Kuni and Vanoda are Rs. 4-4 and 3-12, respectively, the Máleks object to a decrease, and there is no reason for treating the other two villages differently.
53. The fourth group contains 3 of the northern máleki villages lying in the mál tract, 9 khálsa villages on the Mahi, and, much cut up by nalas, 7 villages on the west, all of them mál villages but in reasonable proximity to markets.
54. This group is composed of 5 villages in the north of the taluka, badly 5th Group. offfor roads and inclining towards the worst part of the mál tract.
55. The last group contains all the worst of the 6th Group. mal villages forming a compact block in the north-west of the taluka:
56. The general intention of this grouping is to raise the southern villages to a pitch justified by the proximity of markets, notably Umreth, and the facilities of communication by road and rail, to keep the máleki villages at rates as near as possible to those at present prevailing, and to pitch the rates of mál villages in proportion to their proximity to the least favoured north-western portion.
57. The effect of these proposals is shown in the following table. It will be seen that the increase in all the groups is within the limits prescribed :-

|  | Class. | NumberofVillages. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Dry-crop } \\ & \text { rate. } \end{aligned}$ | By Former Survey, |  | By Revision Subtey. |  | Percentage of Increase. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Government Occupied Land. |  | Government Occupied Land. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Area, | Asscssment. | Area. | Assessment. |  |
|  |  |  | Rs. a. p. | Acres. | Rs. | Acres. | Rs. |  |
| Class | $I$ | 27 | 480 | 21,867 | 67,077 | 21,766 | 77,913 | $+16.2$ |
| \% | II | 15 | 440 | 9,602. | 26,996 | 9,583 | 34,682 | +21.0 |
| " | III | 8 | 3120 | 7,295 | 20,803 | 7,282 | 22,882 | $+9.9$ |
| \% | IV | 19 | 340 | 16,095 | 35,279 | 16,055 | 42,686 | $+20.9$ |
| \% | $V$ | 5 | 2120 | 5,422 | 9,153 | 5,421 | 11,336 | +23.8 |
| " | VI | 11 | 240 | 9,480 | 15,140 | 9,056 | 16,237 | $+7 \cdot 2$ |
|  | Total | 85 | $\ldots$ | 69,761 | 1,74,448 | 69,163 | 2,05,736 | $+17.9$ |

The difference of 598 acres between the total areas under the two surveys is chiefly due to the non-inclusion by those who prepared the statements of certain leased lands in Sayat. This omission is of no great importance, and will not affect the final calculations.
58. The subjoined table shows the results in individual villages in which

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the increase is large. The columns showing the proposed and former assessments indicate the nature of the increase :-

59. It will be seen that in cases $2,31,36,41,42,48$ and 72 the increase is almost entirely due to increase in maximum rates, under the new grouping, reasons for which have already been given. Case No. 72, Nadadra, seems to call for special treatment. It is a very poor village, and though it is now in its natural group, the levy of the whole increase would fall very hardly on it. I would therefore recommend that a remission of at least 50 per cent of the increase be granted for 15 years, at the end of which period the Collector may report on the advisability of levying the whole assessment. In cases Nos. 8,9, $25,27,32,33,34,35,56$ and 66 , the increase is due partly to raising of rates, and partly to assessment on sub-soil advantages. In the case of No. 49, Palaia, the maximum rate is unaltered; there are, however, 122 acres of new rice, and the assessment for sub-soil advantages is considerable. I do not think that the increases are in any case excessive, except in Nadadra, though, in discussing the assessment for sub-soil advantages, $\cdot$ I sball propose reductions in the cases of certain villages.
60. There is a considerable decrease in one village only, Sayat (No. 83) to

## Details of decrease.

 wit. Its maximum rate, formerly Rs. $2^{-12}$, has been reduced to Rs, 2-4. As regards physical features and position, it belongs to the lowest group. It is a true mál village, and is at some distance from the road. As it must go either into the 4th or the lowest group, it has been placed in the latter as the more appropriate.61. The subjoined statement shows the general effect of the classification for sub-soil water advantages in each group:-

| Group. | Actes classed for sub-soll .water advantages. | Sub-soil Water Assessment. | Average Assessment per Acre. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rs. | Annas. |
| 1 | 4,470 | 2,112 | $7 \cdot 5$ |
| 2 | 2,434 | 1,074 | 706 |
| 3 | 3,173 | 1,064 | $5 \cdot 3$ |
| 4 | 4,074, | 1,154 | $4 \cdot 5$ |
| 5 | 2,761 | 378 | $2 \cdot 2$ |
| 6 | 1,492 | 128 | $1 \cdot 4$ |
| Total | 18,404 | 5,910 | $5 \cdot 1$ |

62. Appendix $Q^{(2)}$ shows for each village the amount of well kasar imposed under the old settlement, and the sub-soil assessment under the new. The percentage of increase or decrease on the total assessment of each village is also given as showing the marked effect of sub-soil rating on the results of the new grouping. It will be seen that the total sub-soil assessment exceeds the old kasar by Rs. 4,825 , and that in several villages such as-
Ekalvelu, Golaj, Jakhed, Palaia, Muliad, Wanoti, Waghroli and Sui,
(32) (33) (8) (49) (56) (27) (66) (62) a considerable assessment has been imposed where the kasar was either nil or of trifling amount. The village papers show that in none of these villages is there any garden cultivation worth the name. It is impossible to attribute the neglect of irrigation entirely to the poverty or apathy of the cultivators, and there can be no doubt that the use of sub-soil water in mall villages presents difficulties which must be taken into account. Either the water is brackish and unsuitable or it is difficult to get at. In any case, it is very desirable that mál villages should lue let off easily. If the water is bad, it should not be taxed; if it is good, its use should be encouraged. I do not base my proposals on the latter argument, however, but on the fact, of which the Survey Commissioner and other agricultural experts who know these villages are well aware, that it is almost impossible to grow irrigated crops in mál land. I have the honour to propose therefore that the sub-soil assessment in the villages
Nos. 32, 33, 43, 45, 49, 56, 61, 62, 66, 70, 71, 72,73, 75, $76,77,78,79.80,81,82,84$. the numbers of which are shown in the margin be entirely remitted. The result of this will be to reduce the total sub-soil assessment to Rs. 3,136, giving an excess over the kasar of Rs. 2,051.
63. In the Government villages of the taluka, the proprietiary right to fruit trees and their produce vests in the occupants. Fruit trees. . Sandal, teak, end blackwood will be as usual reserved. From 24 máleki villages, a revenue averaging during the last 5 jears Rs. 913 is derived on account of fruit trees. It is very desirable that the occupants of these villages should be placed on the same footing as those of the rest of the táluka. The Máleks, however, have to be considered. In all the villages, except three, the increase on the total assessment exceeds, and in most cases largely exceeds, the revenue that would be remitted. The Máleks, therefore, would have no cause for complaint. In Kuni, Málvan and Manpura, the loss of revenue involved would be Rs. 206, Rs. 78 and Rs. 35 respectively, and in the first village, at any rate, the Máleks would have reasonable ground for objecting. These three villages might be treated as exceptions untrl the next settlement, or some special concessions in the way of compensation be made to the Máleks. But in the latter case, the whole lose wauld fall on Government.
64. The question as to the treatment of lands intended for cultivation but appropriated to other purposes, remains to be consi-
Agricultaral land appro- approd. From statements supplied by the District priated to otber purposes. officers, it appears that there are cases of such appropriation in 16 villages. With one exception, these are cases of dwelling-houses or rather hats of cultivators erected on their holdings. In one case only, that of Rustampura, has a whole hamlet been, built. As I ventured to suggest in my report on the Borsad Taluka, the advantages from a sanitary point of view of solitary houses in the fields as opposed to overcrowded village sites, are so great that I would recommend that no extra assessment be levied. With regard to the hamlet in Rustampura, it is a question whether the ground occupied should not be classed under the head of land set apart for public purposes, and the assessiment remitted,
65. In conclusion, I have the bonour to recommend that the rates, if approved, may be guaranteed for a period of 30 years.

> I have the honour to be
> Sir, Your most obedient Servant, E, MACONOCHIE, Survey Settlement Officer,

APPENDIX A.


APPENDIX B.
Details of Cultivation and Crops.


## APPENDIX D.

Detail of Population according to Occupatin by Percentages.


Detail of Population according to Religion and Education.


## APPENDIX F.

Statement showing the Agricultural Stock.


APPENDIX $G$.
Statement of Shops, Looms, Temples, \&c., and average Births, Deaths and Daccination.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { Viofluges. } \end{gathered}$ | Shops, | pial. | Looms. |  | Cotrox Saw Giss. |  | Births. |  | Deaths, |  | Vaceination, |  | Liquor | Talimkhánas. | Dharma | тимриеs. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Cotton. | Woollen. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Had } \\ & \text { gins. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|c\|c\|c\|c\|c\|c\|c\|c\|} \text { Sinn. } \end{array}$ |  |  | Hindu. | $\underset{\substack{\text { Mrusal- } \\ \text { man. }}}{\text { a }}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |  |  |  | 9 |  | 10 |  | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 85 | 276. | 67 | 105 | ... | 57 |  | 1888-89 ... | 2,059 | 1888-89 ... | 2,123 | 1888-89 ... | 652 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1889-90 ... | $2,554$ | 1889.90 ... | 1,975 | 1889-90 ... | 1,046 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $1890-91 \quad \text {... }$ | 2,936 | 1890-91 ... | 2,197 | 1890-91 | 1,260 | $\} 3$ | $\therefore$ | 17 | 67 | 11 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 1891.92 .... | 2,836 | 1891-92 ... | 2,407 | 1891.92 | 1,089 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $1892.93 \quad \text {... }$ | 2,425 | 1892-93 | 2,827 | 1892-93 | 1,082 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total ... | $12,810$ | Total ... | 11,529 | Total ... | 5,129 |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Average :... | 2,562 | Average ... | 2,305 | Average ... | 1,025 |  |  |  |  |  |

APPENDIX H.
Statement of Schools together with their average attendance.
Statement of Schools together with their average attendance.

APPENDIX I.
Statement showing the proportion of Government Occupied and Inam Lands cultivated by Occupants and Sub-tenants.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { Nullages, } \end{gathered}$ | Distriot. | Total Numbers colltvated by occupants or Inamdáan |  | Total Numbers cultivated by occupants or Ind́mdár in partnerahip with others |  | Total Numbers cultivated by sub-tenants on moneyrent. |  | Total Numbers cultivgted by sub-tenants forproduce of grain-rent. produce of gran-rent. |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Wante } \\ \text { Numbers. } \end{gathered}$ | ParampokNumbers. | Total Numbers. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Government. | Inam. | Government. | Inam. | Gorernment. | Inam. | Governmont. | Indm, |  |  | Government. | Inam. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 85 | Thasra (Kaira District) ... | 24,642 | 1,925 | 1,961 | 833 | 5,111 | 2,056 | 2,210 | 1,260 | 5,767 | 1,353 | 41,044 | - 13,274 |
|  | Percentage ... .. | 45 | 17 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 76 | 24 |

Statement showing Wells, Budkis, Tanks and other souroes of Water-supply.


APPENDIX K.
Showing ordinary Sales.

|  |  | Showing | ordinar | y Sales. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Class of Cases according to the Number of times the Survey Assessmen for which Land is sold. | Number of Cases. | Total <br> Acres sold. | Total Assessment | Average rate of Assessment per Acre | Total sum for which sold. | Average rate per Acre for which sold | Average number of times the Sarvey Assessment for which sold. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  | $\left\{\begin{array}{c} 7 \\ 80 \\ \\ \cdots \end{array}\right.$ | $\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ 319 \\ 18 \\ \ldots \end{array}$ | Rs. | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 3 & 1 & 5 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 9 \\ & \ldots & \end{array}$ | Rs. | Rs. a. p. |  |
|  |  |  | 105 |  | 518 | $\begin{array}{lll}15 & 3 & 9\end{array}$ | 493 |
|  |  |  | 641 |  | 16,085 | $\begin{array}{llll}50 & 6 & .9\end{array}$ | $25 \cdot 09$ |
|  |  |  | 56 |  | 4,084 | 22614.2 | 72.92 |
|  |  |  | ... |  | -** | ... | ... |
|  | 101 | 371 | 802 | $2 \cdot 27$ | 20,687 | $5512{ }^{-1}$ | $2 \overline{5} 79$ |
| Show |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Class of Cases according to the number of times the Survey Assessment for which Land is sold. | Number of Cases. | Total Acres sold. | Total Assessment. | Average rate of Assessment per Acre. | Total sum for which sold. | Average rate per A cre for which sold. | Average number of times the Survey Assessment for which sold. |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| . 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  | - $\begin{aligned} & 2 \\ & 3 \\ & 1 \\ & 1\end{aligned}$ |  | Rs. a. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. Rs. a. p. |  |  |
|  |  | $87 \cdot 4$ | 2684 | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 1 & 3\end{array}$ | 1,057 | $\begin{array}{llll}12 & 2 & 5\end{array}$ | 3.94 |
|  |  | $5 \cdot$ | 18.0 | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 9 & 7\end{array}$ | 238 | $\begin{array}{lll}47 & 9 & 7\end{array}$ | 13.22 |
|  |  | $2 \cdot$ | 100 | 500 | 560 | 280 | 56.00 |
|  |  | 036 | 012 | 013.4 | 144 | $160 \quad 0 \quad 0$ | 192.00 |
| Total | 7 | 95. | 2970 | 320 | 1,999 | 2108 | 6.73 |

APPENDIX L.
Showing Simple Mortqages.

| Class of cases according to the number of times the Survey Assessment for which Land is sold. | Number of Cases. | Total Acres wortgaged | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \text { Total } \\ \text { Assessment. } \end{array}$ | Average rate of Assessment per Acre. | Total sum for which mortgaged. | Average rate per Acre for which mortgaged | Average number of times the Survey Assessment for whech mortgaged. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  |  | Rs. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. | Rs. ${ }_{\text {a. }}$ p. | - |
| Class I- 1 to. 10 times ... | 14 | 92 | 284 | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 1 & 4\end{array}$ | 1,993 | $\begin{array}{lll}21 & 10 & 7\end{array}$ | 701 |
| , II-11 to 25 \%... | 31 | 100 | 320 | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 3 & 2\end{array}$ | 5,292 | 5214.8 | 1653 |
| ", IV-51 to 100 " | 11 | 27 | 85 | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 2 & 4\end{array}$ | 3,304 | $\begin{array}{llll}122 & 5 & 11\end{array}$ | 38.87 |
| \% V-101 tq 150 ,.. | 3 | 5 | 12 | 265 | 763 | $\begin{array}{llll}152 & 9 & 7\end{array}$ | 63.58 |
| Total | 59 | 214 | 701 | 3 4 4 | 11,352 | $\begin{array}{llll}53 & 0 & 8\end{array}$ | $16 \cdot 19$ |

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

Showing Mortgages with Possession.

| Iof Cases according to the number $f$ times the Survey Assessment for which Land is sold. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Cases. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \text { Total } \\ \text { Acres } \\ \text { mortgaged. } \end{array}$ | Total Assessment. | Average rate of Aasessment per Acre. | Total sum for which mortgaged. | Average rate per Acre for which mortgaged. | Average number of times the Survey Assessmant for which mortgaged. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  |  | Rs. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. | Rs. a. p. |  |
| ss I- 1 to 10 times | 24 | 91 | 248 | 2117 | 1,494 | $\begin{array}{lll}16 & 6 & 8\end{array}$ | 6.02 |
|  |  | 77 | 278 | 3 9 | 5,019 | $65 \quad 211$ | 18.05 |
| , IV- 51 to 100 | 30 | 55 | 168 | $3 \quad 010$ | 5,961 | $\begin{array}{llll}108 & 6 & 1\end{array}$ | $35 \cdot 48$ |
| , V-101 to 150 | 5 | 4 | 15 | 3120 | 961 | 24040 | $64 \cdot 06$ |
| Total ... | 100 | 227 | 709 | 3111 | 13,435 | $59 \quad 211$ | 18.94 |

APPENDIX M.
Showing Sub-lettings.

| ass of Cases aecording to the number of times the Survey Assessment for which Land is sold. | Number of Caren. | Total Acres sub-let. | ABsesmment | Average rate <br> of Assessment per Acre. | Total sum for which sub-let. | Average rate per acte 'for which sub-let. | Average namber of times the Survey Assessment for which nub-let. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| hass 1-1 to 5 times ... | 89 | A. g. 33525 | Rs. 859 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rs. a. p. } \\ 2811 \end{gathered}$ | Rs. <br> 1,829 | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ & & 7 \\ 5 & 2 \end{array}$ | $2 \cdot 13$ |
| $\text { " III-11 to } 25$ | $\} 4$ | 60 | 17 | 2134 | 101 | 16134 | 5;94 |
| $\text { \# IV-26 to } 50$ | 1 | 015 | 2 | 5 | 30 | $80 \quad 0$ | 15.00 |
| " V-Above 50 , .. | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | . $\cdot$ | ** | *... |  | * |
| - Total ... | 94 | 3420 | 878 | 290 | 1,960 | 5118 | $2 \cdot 23$ |

## APPENDIX N.

Statement showing the Prices prevalent.


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## APP壁DIX $\mathbf{Q}$.

Revenue History for 41 Villages situated in the Thásxa Talwaka of tha Kaira Collectorate into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1863-64.
[The years above the black line are those antecedent to the Survey Settlement.]


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

## Revenue Statement for $2 \gamma$ Villages, situated in the Thásra Táluka of the Kaira Collectorate, into which

 the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1864-65.ETbe yeare above the black line are these anteedent to the Eurvey Settlement.]


## APPENDIX $0^{(2)}$.

Revenue Statement for 17 Villages of Mahudha Táluka, situated in the Thásra Taluka of the Kaira
Collectorate, into which the Survey Settlement u aie introduced in 1862-63.
[The years above the black line are those antecedent to the Survey Settlement.]


## APPENDIX Q.

General Statement referred to in paragraph 48 of the Survey Settlement Officer's repart No. 55,

dated 18th March 1895, for 85 Government Villages situated in the Thásra Täluka of the Kaira Colléctorate.



DIX Q-continued.



Q-continued.

the round figures shown in the statement excludng annas and pres.

## APPENDIX ${ }^{\prime}{ }^{\prime \prime}{ }^{(1)}$

Showing Area of Villages for Settlement üith details.

| Number. | Tame of Village. |  | Former Taluka. | my Formir Subvip. |  |  |  |  | By Revision Surver. |  |  |  |  | Population. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Gross Area, includung Inams. | $\left(\begin{array}{c} \text { Of which } \\ \text { not } \\ \text { available } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { cultivation. } \end{array}\right.$ | Covernment assessed Land. |  |  | Gross Arez, including Inåms. | $\|$ <br> of which <br> neot <br> avalable <br> for <br> cultivation. | Government assessed Land. |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Occupied. | Unoccap | ied Waste, |  |  | Occupied. | Unoccupied Waste. |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Area. | Assessment. |  |  |  | Area. | Assessment. |  |
| 1 | 2 |  | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 , |  | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |  | 12 |
|  | Class I. |  |  | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Rs. | Acres: | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Rs. |  |
| 1 | Avrangpurá .... | . |  | 328 | 28 | 206 | 7 | 18 | 328 | 28 | 207 | 7 | 19 | 162 |
| 2 | Agarwa | $\ldots$ |  | 2,736 | 264 | 1,382 | 102 | 166 | 2,736 | 265 | 1,381 | 102 | - 234 | 2,026 |
| 3 | Dhupdi . ... | ... |  | - 449 | $37{ }^{\circ}$ | 130 | .. |  | 449 | 38 | 131 |  | ... | 174. |
| 4 | Dhunadráa ... | $\ldots$ |  | 2,918 | 217 | 1,138 | 41 | 73 | - 2,919 | - 216 | 1;141 | 41 | 90 | 3,141 |
| 5 | Hangádi Pádiá.. | ... |  | 2,021 | 273 | 1,270 | 86 | 202 | 2,019 | 275 | 1,269 | 86 | 214 | 1,944 |
| 6 | Hangádi Kasba... | ... |  | 3,122 | 1,609 | 1,088 | 98 | 294 | 3,119 | 1,610 | 1,083 | 99 | 328 | 1,091 |
| 7 | Jálánagar ... | ... |  | 528 | ${ }^{4} 47$ | 115 | ... |  | 528 | - 48 | 115 | :.. |  | 453 |
| 8 | Jákhed | ... |  | 2,030 | 260 | 556 | 33 | - 34 | 2,026 | 268 | 548. | 33 | 46 | 661 |
| 9 | Kálsar |  |  | 2,925 | 165 | 737 | 74 | $120^{\circ}$ | 2,923 | 165 | 737 | 74 | 161 | 2,630 |
| 10 | Málvan |  |  | 841 | 117 | 513 | 95 | 224 | 839 | -121. | 509 | 94 | 221 | 742 |
| 11 | Menpurá | .... |  | 1,229 | - 130 | 922 | 89 | 213 | 1,225 | 135 | 914 | 88 | 225 | 918 |
| 12 | Ness $\quad .$. |  | Thasra ... | 1,883 | 135 | 1,191 | 76 | 120 | 1,883 | 143 | 1,186 | 73 | 137. | 1,186 |
| 13 | Páli ... |  |  | -3,565 | 1,190 | 1,868 | 233 | 492 | 3,571 | 1,246 | 1,837 | 228 | 575 | 1,651 |
| 14 | Padál • .... |  |  | 2,078 | 297 | 1,176 | 270 | 608 | 2,078 | 314 | 1,169 | 264 | 708 | 2,170 |
| 15 | Pilol ${ }^{\text {a }}$ - ... | $\cdots$ |  | 1,004 | 106 | 620 | 16 | 32 | 1,003 | 107 | 618 | 16 | 34 | 411 |
| 16 | Páhádvániá . $\quad .$. |  |  | 2,328 | 185 | 818 | 20 | 41 | 2,328 | - 186 | 817 | 20 | 47 | -968 |
| 17 | Rustampurá ... | $\cdots$ |  | 1,503 | 980 | 423 | - 25 | 40 | 1,503 | 984 | 419 | 25 | 42 | - 338 |
| 18 | Rasulpur Padál... | -4. |  | 955 | - 52 | 645 | 156 | 399 | 951 | 53 | . 642 | 156 | 419 | 369 |
| 18 R | Rasulpor Thásrí | $\because$ |  | 555 | 72 | 367. | 3 | 6 | 556 | 72 | - 367 | 3 | ${ }^{\cdot} 5$ | 467 |
| . 20 | Rakhiá .. | .. |  | - 965 | 164 | $277{ }^{\circ}$ | 3 | 6 | 963 | - 162 | 177 | '3 | - 7 | 1,060 |
| 21 | Sonaiá | 2. |  | ,708. | 59 | 504 | 84 | 276 | 708 | 59 | , 503 | 84 | . 331 | 416 |
| 22 | Simlaj ... | *.. |  | -1,203 | 110 | $\cdots 38$ |  | 12 | 1,200 | 111 | 285 | $\bigcirc 6$ | -14 | 349 |
| 23 1 | Thásrá | ...] |  | 3,576 | . 452 | \},210 | - 166 | - 369 | 3,569 | 451. | 1,207 | 167 | 1. 502 | 3,647 |



APPENDIX Q ${ }^{(1)}$ Eominued.



APPENDIX $Q^{(2)}$.
Comparative Statement showing amiounts of old Well Kasar andmew Subsoil Water Assessment.



APPENDIX $Q^{(2)-c o n t i n u e d . ~}$


## No. 10. 1860.

Ahmedabad, 28th June 1860.
Mr. Pedder presents his compliments to the Superintendent of Survey, and has the honour to submit the following account as brief as is consistent with a clear explanation of the subject of the origin and bistory of the rights of the Malleks in the Thásra Pargana of the Kaira Collectorate. As, however, the subject is an intricate one, and the correspondence that has taken place at various times upon it somewhat bulky, Mr. Pedder fears that some points may not be so clearly explained as is desirable. Should Captain Prescott desire it, further information shall be afforded upon these points, after communication with the local authorities.
2. It is stated that nearly 4 centuries ago Mohomed Begurah, Sultán of Ahmedabad, granted as a reward for military services at the capture of Powagarh 12 villages in Thasra to cortain Mussalman families known as the Mallekzadas. These 12 villages the Malleks had at the introduction of British rule increased by founding new hamlets to 17, and since that time to 25. No documentary evidence of the grant of these villages by Mohomed Begurah is known to exist, but there appears to be no reason to doubt the truth of the tradition.
3. The original grant would seem to have been in rent-free jaghír and for about $2 \frac{1}{2}$ centuries the Malleks continued to hold their land on this tenure. They managed their rillages on the system then usual in Gujarát, that of "bhágbatti" or division of the produce, but their terms would seem to have been more liberal towards their tenants than the common arrangement by which the landlord and the tenant received equal shares of produce, and this was probably the reason of their being able to increase so largely the number of their villages. They received as rent a " wajeh" or share of one-third, the remaining two-thirds being retained by the cultivator.
4. About 150 years ago the Malleks were compelled by the Marathăs to pay an "udhad jamábandi" for their villages. To raise the money for this tribute they imposed apon tbeir cultivators a cess called "karram viro," the meanng of which name is a cess not imposed exclusively on the land, but levied from each cultivator or other villager in proportion to his means. This cess was in addition to the "wajeh " of one-third the produce.
5. About a.d. 1769, the Mulakgiri-army of the Gáikwár-began to levy a tribute under the name of "ghásdána" from the Malleki villages, and this continued to be urregularly exacted until the introduction of British rule, when Captain Ballantyne settled it apparently at Rs. 5,194 Bábáshai. But from a statement, with the perusal of which Mr. Pedder has been favoured by Mr. Arbuthnot, it would seem that the Gàikwár's "ghásdána" in 1855-56 amounted to Company's Rs. 3,940 , which is now paid by our Government under arrangements which will be presently deseribed.
6. Besides the "above" tributes, some of the Mállek villages are liable to a jámábandi payment to the Bábi of Bálasinor, which seems from the same statement to have amounted in 1855-56 to Rs. 1,436. This also appears to be now paid by our Government.
7. It would seem to have been considered that these exactions as well as the jámá-

Vide Clause I. of the Sanad granted by Captain Robertson to the Malleks of
August 31st, 1820 . bandi payable to the 'Peshva "were to be provided for from' the "karram viro" and not from the Mallek's share of the produce. The Malleks had, however, other resources in certain "toda girás" or "wol" exactions which they levied from various villages in Sowli, Godhra, and other districts. It does not appear whether they from various till receive these payments or to what amount. They had also "nákás" or places to levy transit đues in their villages.
8. But it is probable that when the Mulakgiri army or the Bábi of Balásinor were strong enough to insist on the payment of a larger tribute than usual, the Malleks were hard pressed for money to satisfy these claims. They consequently mortgaged or sold a considerable quantity of land. But what they mortgaged or sold in these cases was the right of exemption from the payment of the "wajeh" or Mallek's share of the produce. The holders of such lands were still liable to be called on to pay the "karram viro."
9. At the introduction of British rule, consequently, the lands of these villages appear to have been dipided into the following classes:
(1) Sarkari lands paying a "wajen" of one-third the produce to the Malleks and also "karram viro."
(2) "Vechania" and "girania" lands paying "karram viero," bat no " wajeh."
(3) "Passaeta" and village service lands (apparently) paying "karran viro," but no "wajeh."
(4) Lands cultivated by Malleks themselves, and apparently analogous to jivai lands in tálukdári villages paying nothing.
10. The Pargana of Thásra came under British rule in A.D. 1817-18: In the followng year Government Talatis were put into the Mallek villages and "khardas" prepared of all the lands. A bigoti was then imposed upon all sarkári, vechania, and girania lands in lieu of the " karram viro;" the Malleks still continuing to levy their "wajeh" in kind. This arrangement pressed so hard upon the rayats that the villages were, rapidly becoming deserted, the reason of which appears to have been, not that the bigoti rate, which was founded upon the "karram viro," was itself excessive, but that the Malleks refused to pay the "ghásdána" and Bálásinor's tribute out of their wajeb, and endearoured to. levy extra cesses from their rayats to provide for them.
11. In 1819-20, consequently Captain Robertson, Collector of Kaira, introduced a new and totally different system into these villages as follows. He abolished all cesses upon land and the practice of levying one-third the produce in kind, and in lieu thereof fixed a consolidated bigoti rate upon all lands sarkari, vechania, and girania, beyond which rate nothing was to belevied from the cultivators. This rate varied from Bábísái Rs. 6 per bigha to Bábásái Rs. 21. But it must be noted that its amount did not depend upon the quality of the land, but upon the caste of the cultivator, and that it varied somewhat in different villages. The reason of this seems to be that the usual agreement upon which the cultivators held their lands was khat́bandi or lease-hold, and that it was suppased that the cultivator took up his lands, the good with the bad, and paid an average rate upon all land contanned in his "kháta." Rates were not fixed upon lands not included in any "khata" and the village officers were at hberty to let such lands on any terms they pleased. It does not seem to have been settled what on such lands should be the relative shares of the Malleks and of the Government. The usual rate on sárkári lands held on khátábandi tenure was Bábásải Rs. $5 \frac{1}{2}$ for Kunbis and $3 \frac{1}{2}$ for Kolis. It mast be observed that the natural tendency of this arrangement must have been to throw all inferior lands out of cultivation.
12. In lieu of their share of the produce the Malleks were to receive Co.'s Rs, 1-5-10 (Bábásái Rs. 1-8-0) upon all cultivated sarkári lands and were also to enjoy fice of assessment the lands they themselves cultivated. The management of girania and vechania lands was resumed, and in lieu of their" wajeh" the mortgagees or purchasers were to receive a "kothli santh " of Co.'s Re 0-14-7, or Bábásái Re. 1 per bigha of caltivation. It is not clear why mortgagees should have received only rupee one in lieu of their "wajeh" while Malleks were to receive Rs. 1-8-0 in-lien of their's. Government Talátis were put into the villages and the entire management taken out of the hands of the Malleks, who were reduced from the position of proprietors of alienated villages paying a certain tribute to Government, to that of persons having merely a claim on a certain share of revenue of Government villages. Half of the Gáikwár's "ghásdána" and apparently of the Bálásinor tribute was to be paid by the Malleks and haif by our Government.
13. All the Malleks agreed to these terms except those of Pudal, who refused to pay Vide paragraph 7, anything for the Gákwar's " ghasdána" fairly enough, as the R.s. 1-8-0 per bigha of cultivation they were to receive was in lieu of aid is still called "wajeh," and it had always been considered that wajha was not liable to the payment of this tribate. Captain Robertson consequently concluded a separate agreement with these Malleks, and passed them a sanad in 1820, in which it was stipulated that Government should pay the whole "ghásdána" and Billisinor tribute. 'Since 1826, it would appear that this has been the case in all the Malleks' villages. It may be remarked that Captann Robertson's arrangements do not appear to have been at the time reported to Government.
14. The natural result of the exorbitant rates imposed by Captain Robertson soon became apparent, and the inferior lands went out of cultivation. To remedy this the Malleks of 18 villages, including two belonging to the Pagi Thákurs, but held on the same tenure as the Mallek villages, applied in 1823 for a fresh arrangement, by which on all lands paying Co.'s Rs. 2-11-8 and upwards the Malleks were to receive Rs. 1-5-10 and Government the surplus, and the rent of all lands paying less than Rs. $2-11-8$ was to be divided equally between Government and the Malleks. In one village, Wassu, a different arrangement was entered into by whech on all lands paying Rs. 1-13-2 the Malleks were to receive Rs. 1-5-10 and Government the surplus, while from lands paying less than Rs. 1-13-2 Government were to receive annas 7 pies 3 and the Malleks the surplus. The Malleks of seven other villages, including Padal, refused to depart from the arrangements of 1819. It may be remarked that in one village, Rajwa, though it is called a Mallek village, the Malleks have no interest beyond a trifling cash payment, the "wajeh" being received by the Bábi of Bálásinor.
15. Matters were in this state when in 1824 Mr . Mills, First Assistant in charge of Karra, while reporting on some claims of the Malleks to toda giras allowances from the Mahi and Rewa Kánthas which had been withheld from them, took occasion to draw the attention of Government to Captain Roberteon's settlement of 1819. On this, Government passed a resolution No. 1189, dated July 17th, 1824, of which the following is an extract : -
"Paragraph 4. The plan of giving the Malleks a fixed sum per bigha and taking the management of their villages out of their hands must have the effect of reducing them from the situation of landlords to that of mere pensioners, and it is not to be expected that they will easily be reconciled to the change.
"Paragraph 5. It appears to the Honourable the Governor in Conucil that the i. e. Talukdars, Malleks have as much claim to consideration as the prietors in Ahmedabad, and accordingly instructs you to treat them in the same way." It will be observed that this Resolution completely cancels Captain Robertson's settlement, so far as the Government management of the villages is concerned, and Captain Prescott's attention is especially directed to the fact that it does not appear that this Resolution has ever been rescinded, and that it must therefore be considered as still in force.
16. On receipt of this Resolution, the Collector immediately removed the Government Talatis and handed the villages over to the Malleks, to the great satisfaction of the latter. But Captain Robertson's arrangements with regard to the rates and to the relative shares of Government and of the Malleks were still considered to be in force except so far as modified by the agreement of 1323 described in paragraph 14. The Malleks seem to have immediately appointed and paid Talátis of their own.
17. About this time, however, several of the villages, including apparently those even of the Malleks of which had determined upon abiding by the arrangements of 1819, were farmed out to the Malleks upon lease. The details of these leases are not before Mr. Pedder, but it is supposed that they managed the entire villages including the " kothli santh" lands and paid as rent to the Government the lump sum stipulated in the lease, and also the Re. 0-14-7 per bigha of cultivation apon "kothli santh" lands to the mortgagee and purchasers. The Malleks of course now raised or lowered the rates upon land as they considered most advantageous to themselves.
18. These leases terminated in 1837, and the arrangements of 1819 and 1823 as far as the amount of "wajeh" in cash to be received by the Malleks is considered, once more came into force. But the rates fixed by the Malleks both on "santh "and on sarkári lands remained unaltered. The consequence was that while in the 18 villages in which it was stipulated in 1823 that the rent of all lands rated below Rs. $2-11-8$ should be equally divided between Government and the Malleks, the loss caused by any reduction of rates fell equally upon both parties, in the other seven villages the Malleks still received Rs. 1-5-10 whatever the land was rated at, and the reduction of rates fell exclusively on the Government share. A very serious loss of revenue was the natural consequerce, as the Malleks who could not receive more than Rs. 1-5-10 per bigha, of course lowered their rates in order to increase the prosperity of their villages.
19. There seems, however, to have been a tacit understanding that no land was to be rated below Bábásái Rs. 1-12-0 in order that Government might derive from it not less than annas four. This would of course have thrown ont of cultivation all lands worth less than Rs. 1-12-0 Bábásái. But it seems that the Malleks were in the habit of letting these lands for what they would fetch, and showing them in the books as let at Rs. 1-18-0, of paying the four annas to Government. It is also suspected that the Malleks often let lands shown as rated at Rs. 1-12-0 for a larger sum, and appropriated the difference. Mr. Ogilvy, First Assistant Collector, pointed out the irregularity of system in those villages in 1843, but Government then declined to interfere.
20. Matters remained in this state uatil two or three years ago Mr. Arbuthnot in the course of his inquiries as a Special Commissioner for alienations in Gujarát, reported fully upon the Mallek villages. The state in which he found the system was briefly this. The Malleks appointed and paid their tallatis who collected the whole revenue according to the rates fixed by the Malleks and paid it into the Governmont.treasury. Then the cash "wajeh" was divjded among the Malleks and the "kothli santh" among the representatives of purchasers or mortgages in this way. Such and such sarkári fields in a village are eatered as the share of Mallek Husein, deceased. At the close of the season the Talati and Muzmudárs examined the "pánipatrákh"" to see how much of this had been cultivated, and calculated upon this the cash "wajeh" due to Husein. This they then entered in a paper called the distribution book, which showed the names of all the heirs" of Husein, and their proportionate shares, and the "wajeh" is divided among them accordingly and in the same way with "kothli santh," as up to within a short period it had been the custom when a Mallek died leaving 8 sons, to enter all their namres in the "Distribution Book," Captain Prescott will not be surprised to hear that the state of the villages in 1855-56 was as follows:-

| Villages. | No. of recipienta, | Wajeh, | Land ou which Wajeh is pagabie. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | No, of shares. | Bighas. | Rs. a. p. |
| 24 | 732 | 274 | 38,559-19-0 | 34,089 13 0 |



Santh payable and paid in 1855-56.

| Villages. | Number of recipienta. | Number of Shares. | Quantity of Land. | Santh payable thereon. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 24 | 3,714 | 2,170 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { B }_{1 \text { ghas. }} \\ & 15,663-7-0 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rs. a. p. } \\ & 13,215 \quad 2 \end{aligned}$ |
| Land cullivated and santh pard thereon. |  | Land waste, and Santh consequently not para upon it. |  |  |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { Bighas. } \\ 10,594-2-5 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p, } \\ 9,129 & 14 & 1 \end{array}$ | Big 5,074 |  | $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Rs}_{4} & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 4,085 & 4 & 3 \end{array}$ |

21. To remedy this state of things and especially with a view of reducing the immense number of names upon the books, Mr. Arbuthnot suggested many excellent arrangements, some of which have been adopted by order of the Revenue Commissioner for Alienations. He also recommended that the arrangements made in 1823 should be introduced in all the villages, and thus that Government and the Malleks should in all cases share the rent of lowly-rated land. But this proposition has not, it appears, been yet carried out, probably through doubt of the result, should the Malleks file a suit against the Collector.
22. A letter of the Collector of Kaira on the subject of the Malleks' villages was forwarded to Mr. Rogers for report in 1853. That gentleman requested to be informed what prospect there existed of the Survey rules being strictly adbered to by the Malleks in the administration of their villages. The Collector having stated that the Malleks were willing to abide by the Survey rules upon certain conditions, Mr. Rogers retnarked upon this (No. 72 of 1853 to the address of the Revenue Commissioner, N. D.,) that the Malleks merely held upon sufferance, that Government had a perfect right to resume the management of the villages, and to pay the Malleks what it chose, or nothing at all, and that the Malleks should be informed that it did not rest with them to decline the introduction of the Survey upon any terms that Government might be pleased to dictate.
23. With great deference to Mr. Rogers Mr. Pedder cannot but think that this opinion 'was given without due reflection. If a grant by a competent authority, an uninterrupted enjoyment of 400 years and an acknowledgment of right by a resolution of the Governor in Council is not to be considered as securing the validity of a claim, it is not easy to conceive what' should bé so considered.
24. Some further correspondence has taken place between the late Settlement Officer, Mr. Arbuthnot, the Revenue Commissioner, N..D., and for Alienations, and the Collector of Kaira, and finally Mr. Rogers recommended that the villages should be measured and classed by the Survey Department, with a view to ascertain their capabilities. This was sanctioned as Captain Prescott is aware by the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., in his letter No. 259 of 1860, addressed to the late Settlement Offeer.
25. The Government Resolution No. 199 of 1858, paragraph 2, directs "the commutation of the fluctuating annual payments at present made on acconnt of Vullage and District Officers, village expenses and alienated shares of revenue, for fixed amounts calculated on the average recelpts of the last five years, but subject to modification when the claims of the recipients are finally adjudicated by the Alienation Department."
26. The Pevenue Commissioner for alienations and the Collector of Kaira were of opmion that this Resolution did not apply to the claims of the Malleks, but Mr. Mansfield appears to consider that it does, and has directed the immediate commutation of , these so-called allowances. Hence Mr. Hadow's reference to Captain Prescott 26 (A).'Although Mr. Pedder's opinion on the subject is not requested in the Superintendent's endorsement on Mr. Hadow's letter, yet he begs permission to offer with deference a few remarks.
27. Mr. Rogers' reason for thinking that the Malleks merely hold on sufferance appear to be, first, that the tenure of their villages is jághir, and as such that they are liable to resumption at the pleasure' of Government under Kegulation VI of 1833, clause 3, and secondly, that Government has hitherto always exercised the right of altering the management of the villages and the rates prevailng in them at pleasure.
28. With regard to the first of thèse arrangements, Mr. Pedder would beg to observe that although the Malleks state that the villages were originally granted in jaghir, it does not appear from the correspondence regarding them in this office or from that with the perusal of which he has been favoured by Mr. Arbuthnot, that the villages have at any time since the introduction of British rule been so entered in our books. And Government has already once acknowledged that the Malleks should be treated "like other Mewasi Chiefs" who most certainly do not hold in jághir. If this is the case, Mr. Pedder is much mistaken of every Judicial officer in the service would not hold that whether or not the tenure was originally jághir, Government has debarred itself from taking advantage of that tenure by having omitted to preserve any record of its existence, and that the Malleks' rights, whatever they may be, must be held to have pecome valid under the regulations by the mere fact of long and undisputed enjorment.
29. With regard to the second argument, it must be noted that the arrangements made by the Collector of Kaira in 1819 and 1823 were made with the consent of the Malleks themselves, and that since 1824, when the management was handed over to the Malleks, it seems to have been acknowledged that they had a right to alter the rates, and that Government had not.
30. Under these circumstances it appears to Mr. Pedder that only two courses are open. One to hold the Malleks to the agreements passed in 1819 and in 1823, the other to act upon the Government Resolution of 1824 ,
31. Mr. Pedder entertains no doubt of the justice of the latter courso, but being aware that his want of experience renders his opinion of no value, he will not argue this point, but will confine himself to stating what in his opinion will be the effect as regards the interests of Government if either of these courses is adopted.
32. Captain Prescott will observe that as far as the position of the Malleks is concerned, the difference between these two courses is this, that if the former is adopted the Malleks will be persons holding a certain share of the revenues of Government villages. If the latter, proprietors of alienated villages paying a certain share of their revenues to Government.
33. Now previous to the introduction of British rule the Malleks had undoubted proprietory rights. These rights they exchanged in 1819 and 1823 for the guarantee of a certain sum upon each cultivated bigha. If Government decides upon holding the Malleks to their share of the bargain, it is, in Mr. Pedder's hamble opinion, bound to observe its own. The consequences will be as follows.
34. In Pudal and the other six villages which remained under the agreement of 1819, Government will have to pay the Malleks at the rate of Rs. 1-5-10 per bigha upon every cultivated sarkári acre, will have to pay Re. 0-14-7 per bigha upon all girania and vechania land as santh, to permit the Malleks to enjoy rent-free a considerable quantity of land, and besides this to pay the Gáikwarn's "ghâsdána," the Bálásinor tribute, and certain charitable allowances and village expenses. Looking at the general pitch of the survey assessment, it is not probable that anything befond a very small sum will remain as the Government net revenue.
35. In 15 other villages, on all sarkári lands assessed at and above the rate of Rs. 2-11-8 per bigba, Government will have to pay at the rate of Rs, 1-5-10 and on all sarkari lands assessed at a lower rate to share the rental equally with the Malleks. On santh lands it will have to pay at the raje of Re. 0-14-7 per bigah. The probable result of this will be that the revenues of these villages will be tolerably equally divided. But out of the Government share will have to be paid the Gáikwár's "ghásdána" and Bálásinor tribute \&c.
36. If, on the other hand, it is determined to hand over the management of these villages to the Malleks as proprietors in accordance with the Government Resolution of 1824 which resolution, so far as Mr. Pedder is aware, is still in force (and if so, surely the commitation directed by the Revenue Commissioner ought not to be carried out), there is very little doubt but that the Malleks would gladly pay an "uduad jamábandi" considerably exceeding the net revenue of Goverament if the other course were pursued; that is to say, supposing they are permitted to manage their villages in their own way.
37. This leads to the question whether it is either justifiable or desirable to enforce upon the Malleks a stipulation strongly insisted upon by Mr. Rogers, that they shall manage their villages etrictly according to the Survey rules and Survey rates.
38. With the utmost deference to Mr. Rogors, Mr. Pedder caunot but think that the enforcung such a stipulation would be a wanton vinlation of the laws of property; wanton, because xvould benefit neither Government, nor the Malleks, nor even the rayats. While on the other hand, by simply observing the principle of non-interference on the part of the State between landlord and tenant, a principle which in all modern nations has been perhaps the most Jealously guarded of all the rights of property, the Government would benefit because it would derive a larger revenue than the Malleks could otherwise afford to pay, the Malleks would be more contented, even if they did not recerve an additional anna of income (for it is an
universal sentiment to like to do as one pleases with one's own), while the rayats would be no worse off. For a sense of the manner in which their own interests must be affected by the competition of Government villages, would tend to make the Malleks good landlords, in which case few persons will doubt that the condition of the rayats will be as good as in Government villages, and supposing the Malleks oppress their tenants, or that the latter prefer to live under the Survey rules, the tenants are not "adscripti gleboe." They can go and take up land in Government villages from which again the State will derive a direct advantage. The Survey rules are admirably adapted for the management of Government villages, but Mr. Pedder cannot see that they possess inherent virtue which renders it desirable or just to introduce them into all villages contrary to the wishes of proprietors. And even granting that rayats are always better off under the Surver rules, there is no justice in depriving one class of their rights in order to confer a favour upon another.
39. Under the circumstances now represented, Mr. Pedder would, with deference, suggest that Captain Prescott should reply to the Collector by requesting him to represent to Mr. Mansfield the propriety of delaying any commutation of the Malleks' claim until the introduction of the Survey rates into Thásra, and also that tha Revenue Commissioner should be respectfully urged to obtain the orders of Government to determine on what principle these claims should then be dealt with.
40. Too much of Captain Prescott's valuable time has been already taken up to allow Mr. Pedder to do more than briefly suggest the leading principles upon which he thinks a satisfactory settlement might be based, These are :-
(a) An udhad jamábandi fixed for a certain number of years might bo imposed apon each village with reference to its capabilities as found by the survey. It may be remarked that a rough survey merely finding the entire and the culturable area of the village and the general quality of the sail would be sufficient for this purpose and considerable expense thus be saved.
(b) The names of those persons whom Mr. Arbuthnot has already docided as the representatives of those Malleks who signed the agreement of 1819 might be entered, and the villages handed over to their management.
(c) These persons might be required to enter into agreements to administer the villages with due regard to the interests of the sub-sharers, not to exact more from their cultivators than they are entutled to do by the old customs of the village and either to redeem "kothli santh" payments, or to pay regularly the holders of them.
(d) The inquiry which Mr. Peile is now making into the condition of the Tálukdirs might be extended to the Malleks, and any legislation based on that inquiry might include them.
41. In conclusion, Mr. Pedder begs to apologise for the length of this report. The importance of the subject must be his excuse,

W. G. PEDDER, Assistant Settlement Oficer.

Copy of letter No. 268, dated 2nd July 1860, from the Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment.

Assistant Settlement Officer Mr. Pedder's report No. 105, dated 28th June 1860.

No. 1127 of 1860.

## Kaira Collector's Ofice, 2nd November 1860,

Submitted for the consideration and further instructions of the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., in reference to previous correspondence ending for the time with his memorandum No. 897, dated 21st April last.

The Collector has carefully perused the voluminous correspondence in this office on the subject of the Mallek villages of Thásra, but has not been able to discover the grounds upon which Mr. Rogers has assumed in his letter No. 72, dated 26th May 1853, to the address of the late Revenue Commissioner that the Malleks merely hold upon sufferance, and that Government had a perfect right to resume the management of the villages and to pay the Malleks what it chose or nothing at all, and that the Malleks should be informed that it did not rest with them to decline the introduction of the Surver upon any terms that Government might be pleased to dictate.
2. The Collector presumes that Mr. Rogers has not perused the whole of the correspond. ence on the subject, and that the Government Resolution which Mr. Pedder quotes in paragraph 15 and refers to in paragraphs 23 and 30 , had altogether escaped his observation,
3. The Collector fully concurs in the views expressed by Mr. Pedder of the rights of the Mralleks in the villages under their management. These rights have been fully acknowledged by Government and should not now be meddled with on any pretext. He also fully concurs in the plan of settlement proposed by Mr. Pedder in the pre-ultimate paragraph of his report that " an udhad jamábandi fixed for a certain number of years might be imposed upon each village with reference to its capabilities as found by the Survey. It may be merely remarked that a rough survey finding the entire and the cultivable area of the village and the general quality of the soil, would be sufficient for this purpose and considerable expense thus be saved," and that "the names of those persons whom Mr. Arbuthnot has already decided as the representatives of those Mallẹk who signed the agreement of 1819 might be entered and the villages handed over to their management ; also that these persons might be required to enter into agreements to administer the villages with due regard to the interests of the sub-sharers, not to exact more from their cultivators than they are entitled to do by the old customs of the village, and either to redeem kotlli santh payments or to pay regularly the holders of them,' and would beg to recommend as auggested by Captain Prescott in paragraph 3 of his letter that any attempt to commute the present fluctuating payments made to the Malleks on account of their shares of the produce be deferred pending the rough survey of the villages and their formal settlement, after full inquiry has been made into their existing condition as in the tálukdári villages.

## J. W. HADOW, <br> Collector.

## No. 881 of 1865.

To
J. W. ROBERTSON, Esq., Acting Collector of Kaira.

Camp Bulsar, 21st March 18665.
Sir,-I have the honour to reply to your predecessor's letter forwarding Mr. Pedder's *No. 1261, dated 30th November 1864, Report* and proposals for the settlement of the Mallek villages in the Thásra Táluka.
2. I have already discussed personally with Mr. Pedder the rates which he proposes to fix for the assessment of these villages, and I have authorised his proceeding with his calculations on the basis of the maximum rates proposed. The result will be reported after the settlement has been introduced. The quasi-proprietory rights of the Malleks in these villages afford a sufficient reason for not lowering the assessment to a pitch which Government might be able to afford, but which it is out of the power of smaller landlords to concede to their tenants without a greater sacrifice than could be expected from them. The present state of the rillage is conclusive proof that they have not been over-assessed, whatever be the frauds and irregularities which have resulted from the system now about to be amended.
3. I am quite sure that if rates were to be proposed by which the Malleks' present receipts would be reduced they would not consent to the change whatever prospective benefits might be offered them, and therefore it is most important that the assessment should be so pitched as not to interefere with their receipts. I am glad to find that Mr. Pedder is able to propose a light and equitable assessment which satisfies these conditions.
4. The most important point for decision is the mode of settlement of the wajeh or

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Malleks' share. I am not prepared to accept anreservedly
Mr. Pedder's view that whatever settlement is adopted mast be effected with the Malleks' consent. I fully concur that any settlement which wonld interfere with the Malleks' legitimate receipts or alter their position in holding the villages, could not be attempted without their consent, and for this reason any settlement such as that suggested as plan 1st in paragraph 63 is in my opinion out of the question, for the Malleks would never consent to receive a fixed cash payment which would reduce them to the condition of mere pensioners, and we should certainly not be justified in forcing such a settlement upon them.
5. But we are at any rate justified in putting a stop to the frauds and irregularities which have grown up under the present system, and of which instances are given by Mr. Pedder. We are certainly justified in basing our calculations on a real acre instead of on a fraudulent bigha, and in improving the present vexatious mode of assessment and annual adjustment.
6. Nor has the old Resolution of Government quoted by Mr. Pedder ever been fully desolution of Government quoted by Mr. Pedder ever been fully,
carried out. Had it been, the resalt would have been the Malleks' Paragraph 39. carried out. Had it been, the resslt would have been the Malless'
complete ruin. In ite spirit of that Resolntion I asked them last year if they would undertake to manage the villages themselves and pay a fixed sum to Government. They wisely declined, knowing that their enmities and divisions among themselves would bring them to ruin, and they therefore refused the responsibility.

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7. I believe, however, that Mr. Pedder's opinion is substantially the same as mine, for in a subsequent paragraph he points out that by strictly enforcing the agreements formerly made, the Malleks would be reduced to accept the modufications offered.
8. The fact is that the application of those terms to real measurements would prove so unfavourable to the Malleks, that they are likely to assent to any settlement which leaves them their present receipts, and what they value fully as much their present status. I have no donbt, therefore, that if the case be put to them properly, they will assent to the proposed settlement, and the question will not arise to what extent we are justified in insisting on their conforming to it. It must be distinctly understood by them that the existing state of things will not be allowed to continue, and if this be the basis of negotiation, I am convinced from my interview with them last year that they will consent to any reasonable propositions that are offered to them.
9. The plan of settlement which I proposed (referred to by Mr. Pedder as the 4th plan in paragraph 64) was based on the principle of preserving the Malleks' status and securing to them their present revenues as well as a share in any prospective increase. The modification of this plan which Mr. Pedder now proposes does not affect this principle, and as it is simpler, I prefer it, and Mr. Pedder may adopt it and place it before the Malleks.
10. There will, however, be a difficulty, for though on the whole the receipts of the Malleks will be fully equal to their present amount, yet owing to the change in the assessment of particular fields the ownership of which is entered in different names, it may so happen that some of the Malleks will find their receipts seriously diminished. This will be overcome by the adoption of the 2nd of the two plans proposed by Mr. Pedder in paragraph 75. It seems to me that there are very strong reasons for urging on the Malleks the adoption of this mode of settlement and for making every Mallek a sharer of so many annas in the rupee of the revenues of the whole village.
11. If they insist on the other mode of setclement, it will be proper to reserve to the Mallek owners the right of receiving all resignations of land from cultivators and requiring his consent to sale or mortgage by them; but the stipulation regarding a right to raise the survey rates would lead to endless disputes, and should not be allowed. If this mode of settlement be adopted, it seems questionable whether Government should take on itself all the trouble of distributing the Malleks' small shares, and perhaps the threat of leaving them to settle their disputes among themselves will be sufficient to induce them to adopt the other and preferable mode of settlement.
12. In regard to the alienated lands, I concur with your predecessor in thinking that there are not sufficient reasons for a 4 -anna settlement. Mr. Pedder states that the exemption is contingent on cultivation by the Malleks themselves, and that the land is liable to full assessment if cultivated by others. Mr. Pedder may be able to commute this liability as has already been sanctioned in the cases of cesses on alienated lands in Kaira, and this, plus the 2-anna settlement, will give the amount of payment to which the lands will be liable.
13. I do not concur with the late Acting Collector regarding the Talftis. The Malleks would not approve of being deprived of the right of nomination. Mr. Pedder's proposition should be adopted as it secures sufficient control to the Collector and proper pay to the Talátis without depriving the Malleks of a privilege which they prize.
14. Mr . Pedder supposes that the three holdings of the Bábi of Balasinor are disposed of by the Resolution of Government sanctioning a deduction from his annual tribute. This is so in respect to his rights in Wardla and Porda, regarding which no instructions are required, as these will be disposed of as directed in the Political Department. But the orders of Government do not apply to Rojwa as the Bábi is not willing to commute his present rights into a fixed cash payment. Rojwa therefore must be settled on the principles proposed. The Bábi's agent, whom I saw last year, was not formallg empowered to assent, but he made no objections, and it seemed that his master would make no difficulties.
15. With regard to instalments, the dates fixed for payment of revenue seem unobjecParagraph 79. tionable, but as pointed out by Mr. Robertson, the dates proposed
for payments of wajeh are inconvenient. On this point instructions will be issued separately.
16. With regard to sanths, I agree with Mr. Pedder in considering that the ordinary settlement should be applied to the sanths of these villages. But there will be a dificulty if the Malleks claim the right of redemption which was reserved to them by Captain Robertson. This may be disposed of by paying where bonds are produced the sum mentioned in the bond to the present holder, and giving the Malleks the difference between that sum and twenty years" purchase of the amount of santh less two annas for summary settlement. The land will then belong to Government uncharged with any liability and will be
let at the ordinary survey rental.
17. If this plan be found for any reason obnoxious to the Malleks in dealing with the sanths which have been redeemed by the Malleks or are now held by them, Mr. Pedder may adopt a modification of his proposed ind plan. It seems unreasonable to expect Government santh holder. In such cases the land should be entered as parbly alienated in the name of of
the Mallek as owner. Government should allow the Mallek to recover from the occupant the amount of his santh after a deduction of two annas, or if it be found more convenient the proportion proposed by Mr. Pedder, and Government will levy from the field the balance or failing him from to be made direct from the occupant as representative of the owner occupant will of course be protected byelf if he wish to reclaim his rights in the field. The whose name will be entered.
18. A similar plan may be adopted in regard to the eanths of Rojwa.
19. It should certainly form part of the settlement to give the Malleks a sanad from Government guaranteeing the terms of their holding. The sanad will be for each village in the names of the representatives of those with whom Captain Robertson settled.
20. The suggestion in paragraph 2 of Mr. Pedder's P. S. is also approved as the settlement has been introduced, I beg that Mr. Pedder will send in a red. As soon the financial resnlt. It is possible that slight modifications mer send in a report showing ing out the settlement on the spot.
21. I request 7ou will
be directed to settle them communicate with Mr. Percival regarding the sanths. He will being carried into effect.

I have, \&c.,<br>B. H. ELLIS,<br>Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

No. 2741 of 1866 ,
Reyenve Depabtuest.
To
F. S. CHAPMAN, ESq.,

Chief Secretary to Government, Bombay.
Poona, 2Yth June $186 \overline{6} 6$.
Sir,
In the middle of November last year I received from the Superintendent of the Gujarát No. 361 of 18 th October 186j. Revenue Survey, through the Collector of Kaira, the accomMalleks' villages; but as there panying report on the financial result of the settlement of the out some of the instructions that had been out some of the instructions that had been given by my Before his reedecessor on certain of the details, I referred to the Collector
3. Paral.
2. Rassulpur Paral.
2. Massuppur
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5. Kuni. villages noted in the margin had come to my camp in the Panch Mahals and declared that they themselves had never to them, and that the Malleks of the remaining villages also
refused them. They were at once referred to the Superintendent and subsequently to the Acting Collector, both of whom appear, as will be seen from the annexed correspondence, to have had considerable difficulty in explaining matters to them. 'Mr. Borradaile, however, finally reports (in his letter No. 524 of the 31st ultimo), that they have all agreed, but continue to make the same objections they did to the . Superintendent. As it is very necessary, in dealing with men who have proved themselves so difficult to manage, to come to a clear understanding, in order to prevent their turning round upon us at any future time, I have thought it necessary to examine closely into their complaints, and now beg to report on the subject, with a view to receive the orders of Government, and, if possible, have the matter finally settled to the satisfaction of all parties.
2. An account of their grievances will be found in Major Prescott's letter No. 135-A, dated 13th March last; but as the only tangible ones are the imposition of the Summary Settlement upon their "gh urkher" or lands they were allowed to retain free of assessment under Captain Robertson's settlement, to provide for their own private maintenance, and the diminution in the profits of their "wajeh" or share of revenue by the introduction of the new system, wherever such lose can be established, I shall confine my remarks to these points.
3. With regard to the imposition of the Summary Settlement, it will be seen that the Superintendent and the Collector both consider the Malleks cannot demand exemption, because they are of opinion that the terms of Captain Robertson"s sanad, by which they were enjoined to cultivate these lands "for their own benefit" (Major Prescott) or "at home" (Mr. Borradaile); have been infringed by their alienating them to others. The true translation of the clause in the sanad is, however, as follows. It refers to the lands then nominally held by the Malleks themselves :-
"The 764 bighas of land that are now in cultivation do you enjoy of your own accord every year free of assessment; the Sarkír will make no objection. And that land you shall not give to the Government cultivators to cultivate, but cultivate it yourself (at your own houses)."
Now it appears to me that there is no doubt from this that Captain Robertson's intention was that the Malleks should enjoy this land rent-free without any hindrance whatever as to any thing else but its cultivation by the cultivators of Government land, a precaution which was commonly taken in the early days of our rule before our assessments were put upon such a footing as to prevent the fear of Government lands being thrown out of cultivation by the competition of other lands. Under these circumstances I think the grievance on the subject of the Summary Settlement being imposed on these lands has a good foundation, and beg respectfully to recommend accordingly that they be considered entitled to exemption, as already adjudicated nnder the provisions of Section VIII of Bombay Act VJI of 1863.
4. With regard to the effect of the new settlement upon the Malleks' receipts, finding that the Superintendent laid considerable stress upon the point of difference in the favour of Government that would be the result of calculating the Malleks' share of the revenue according to the old system upon the measured, in place of the estimated, area customary, I have endeavoured to ascertain what the actual result would be, and as I anticipated, find from a statement* prepared by the Acting lst Asisstant,
*Tranelation forwarded with the papers. Mr. Trevor, that with the tritling exception of the village of Rastampura, where there would be a decrease of Rs. 4-18-6, there would be a net increase on the whole 26 villages of Rs. 2,372-15-6 in favour of the Malleks. If the Malleks therefore have been falsifying the areas on which their receipts were calculated, as I find it asserted in the former correspondence they have been doing so to their own loss, unless they have been levied from their tenants according to the real, and only brought to account the false, bighas.
5. It will be seen from Mr. Pedder's report No. 24, of the 19th November 1864,* that

* Also forwarded.
the calculations on which he based his proposals as to the proportions in which Government and the Malleks should share the revenues of the villages, were the actual receipts of $1862-63$ and the estimated Survey rental for 1864-65. As it is now proved that it would have been an advantage to the Malleks if their receipts had been calculated on the actual area, the fair way to decide what the proportion should be is to take the amount so calculated for the year in which the Survey rates were introduced, and compare it with what the latter have produced in the year subsequent to the introduction of the settlement. The following is the result of this comparison :-

| No. | V.llages, |  |  | Malleks" recenpts aceording to in $1864-65$, after deducting Talatis' pay tribute. | Malleks' receipts survey settle ment in 1865-68 | Increase or Decreast. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Paral |  |  |  |  | - |
| 2 | Menpura | ... | $\ldots$ | 1,232 | -1,700 | Decrease 13 |
| 3 | Rassulpur Paral | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 1,025 | $+1,08$ $+1,089$ | Increase 119 |
| 4 | Ballara ... | ... | $\ldots$ | 1,096 | +1,113 | " 17 |
| 5 | Kuni $\cdot \stackrel{.}{ }$ | ... | ... | 1,799 | -1,300 | Decrease 499 |
| 6 | Ungari Paria | ... | ... | 1,281 | -1,082 | ", 199 |
| 7 | Ungari Kasba | ... | ... | 1,186 | +1,401 | Increase 215 |

The above are all the villages in which the proportions are 9 annas to the Malleks and 7 to Government. In the following the proportions are reversed :-


In this statement the fractional parts of a rupee are omitted,

These figures show that, in as far as their receipts from the rent of what are called the "wajehli" lands, i. e. lands in which they have a share of the revenue, are concerned, the Malleks of three out of the seven villages in which the proportion of 9 annas to them and 7 annas to Government has been fixed, are losers by the new settlement, and those also of four out of the remaining nineteen villages in which the proportions are 7 annas to the Malleks and 9 to Government. Of the former, two out of the three were among those who petitioned me against the settlement.
6. As it is proposed to give the Malleks the same proportionate shares in the produce of grass, wood, fruit, trees, and other similar sources of revenue in addition to that derived from the "wajeh," the decrease in their receipts from the latter may, to some extent, be made op from the former : but the jamábandi statement for 1864-65 shows that the difference would have been made up in that jear in the village of Waughroli alone, the miscellaneous revenue in the remainder having been only of trifing value. Their value is not given in the comparative statement now forwarded by. Mr. Trevor, and as the Superintendent's statement mentioned above gives no details, I have nothing by, which to judge whether the receipts for $\mathbf{1 8 6 4 - 6 5}$ are likely to be tolerably permanent,
7. Under these circumstances, all thąt I can ask Government to decide is, as to whether the proportionate shares in the two groups of seven and of twenty villages respectLetter No, 881 of 1865 forwarded. ively (inclusive of Rojwa, the case of which will be adverted to predecessor, are to be finally adopted or modified in any degree. If the latter, should only a larger proportion of revenue be allowed in those cases in which it may appear, when all sources of revenue are taken into account correctil, that the Malleks are losers by the new settilement, or should also a deduction be made from Mr. Pedder's proposed proportion in those cases in which it may appear that the Malleks are gainers by the new settlement to an unreasonable extent, say more than 25 per cent. The principle being decided, the details can be carried out by the Collector under the stupervision of my office.
8. With regard to the village of Rojwa, mentioned in the preceding paragraph, it will be seen from the 15th paragraph of the Superintendent's letter No. 361, of the 18th October last, that the Bábi of Balasinor now, agrees to the settlement ordered for the 19 villages at $\frac{9}{16}$ to Government and $\frac{7}{16}$ to himself. This removes all difficulties, and Major Prescott's proposal to introduce the new rates for the current season may therefore be sanctioned, and the Bábi allowed the privilegest he asks for, viz, that he shall nominate a village accountant as the other Malleks do, subject to the Collector's confirmation, and that his kárbhári be allowed to sign the jamábandi or annual revenue papers, and be associated with the officials wha may make the annual inspection of fields.

Major Presoott's No. 455 of 22nd December 1865, paragraphs 7 to 9 . Mr. Borradalle's No. 78 of 20th Jdnualy 1866, paragraph 2.
9. I concur with the Superintendent and Mr. Borradaile in their opinions that, in accordance withe the terms of Captain Robertson's sanad, the Malleks have no right to any revenue derivable from santheli lands.
10. The form of sanad proposed by the Acting Collector, and forwarded with his No. 78 of the 20 th January last, may, I think, be sanctioned with the modification that may be permitted in Arthele IIII. in case of Government acceding to my recommendation (paragraph 3), that the Summary Settlement be remitted on the Malleks' "ghurkher" lands. As the remission of the Summary Settlement would give the Malleks fall proprietary title in these lands, the words in that article subsequent to "rent-free for ever" might be omitted altogether.
11. The provision made in Article I. of the sanad against the sub-division in future in the Government books of existing shares of revenue, appears to be all that will be required to prevent hereafter a neediess complication of accounts.
12. The acceptance of the sanads by the Malleks after the terms of settlement have been finally settled, will be the ultimate proof that every difficulty has been disposed of, and there is no fear of any part of the terms being disputed in future.
13. It would have been very desirable to send up these papers to Government in a printed form, but to do so would delay the settlement until after the close of the revenue year, and in the meantime the revenue accounts cannot be closed; I have accordingly the honour to solcit the early orders of Government on the subject of the principle of settlement to be adopted.

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

Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

No. 24 or 1864.
From
W. G. PEDDER, Esq.,

Survey Settlement Officer, Gajarat;
To

## Captain C. J. PRESCOTT, <br> Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarat.

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\text { Surat, dated Kaira, the 11th November } 1864 .
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Sir,
In accordance with instructions of the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., I have the honour to submit herewith, for transmission through the Collector of Kaira, statements containing proposals for the introduction of the Survey system of assessment into the 27 villages of the Thäsra Pargana of the Kaira Collectorate, known as "Malleki," and also for the settlement of the fluctuating shares of revenue received in these villages by different persons as " wajeh" or " santh."
2. The villages under report lie in a compact group to the north and north-east of the khálsa villages of the pargana, and are bounded on the east and south-east by the river Mahi, on the north and north-east by the country of the Bábi of Balasinor, on the north-west by the Kapadvanj pargana, and on the west and south by the khallsa villages of Thasra. The area contained in them is 90 square miles, which has Situation, limits, and
24 properly Mallekı. extent, viz. :-
2 belongıng to Paggi Tíhákurs. 1 belonging to the Babi of Baldsinor.
been divided by the Survey in the following manner:-

3. The population of these 27 villages amounts to 24,953

Population and condition of the people. showing the rather large average of 277 souls to the square mile. It is almost entirely agricultural, and is principally composed of three classes.
(1) Mussalmáns, who mostly belong to the families of "Mallekzadas." They are not good cultivators, are thriftless and wanting in energy, and are vety generally addicted to the use of opium. In consequence they are mostly poor, notwithstanding the large revenues which among them they draw from these villages.
(2) Kunbis. These are comparatively numerous, they are mostly tenants of the Malleks or of Government; but many of them hold "sanths." They are excellent cultivators, and notwithstanding the heavy rates they have hitherto paid, they appear to be comfortably off.
(3) Kolis. These form the most numerous class. They are generally bad cultivators, unskilful and thriftlesss, and were formerly notorious for their predatory habits; of late years, however, there has been a great improverment in this respect; the Kolis gererally have become more settled in their habits, and many of them have steadily applied themselves to agriculture, and have made considerable advances in skill, and consequently in comfort. As a rale, however, they are poor, and often much in debt to Waniás and others. The remainder of the population is composed of the usual low castes of a few Rajputs and Wániás, who keep shops in the principal villages, buy agricultural produce, and lend money on high interest to the Malleks and their tenants. Several of the villages under report are large, and contain many honses well built of brick and tiled.
4. The usual dry crops, such as bajjri and the pulses, bowta, "chesne," or unirrigated Agricultural products. wheat and barley, and gram, are those most commonly grown in these villages; but in several there is a good deal of rice land, the rice produced in which is however of the inferior sorts. There is very little garden cultivation, wells being few, and the water in these scanty and at a great depth. Indeed, under the present Revenue system, no land whatever is entered as "bagaít." Sugarcane is seldom if ever grown, although the alienated lands in several villages are nominally subject to a "maliat swadee" on that crop.
6. The Malleki villages are by no means favourably situated with respect to markets. town of Balasinor, situated in foreign territory, not far from the northeast frontier of the Thásra pargana. There are, however, among the Malleki villages themselves several good village bázars, of which those in Hungadi Kasba and in Wassu are the most considerable.
6. The means of commanication with markets possessed by these villages will soon however be greatly improved by the completion of the made-road now under construction, and eventually, I understand, to be converted into a tramway, between the Mahi river and the railway, which passes through Hangadi, Thásra Kasba, Dákor, Umret and Bhalaj, and joins the railway at Anand Station, distant from Hungadi about 30 miles.
7. The history of, and the nature of the tenures in, the Malleki villages have already History and tenures. been reported on several times by Mr. Liddell, late Collector other officers. Nevertheless, it will I think be better, in order to obviate the necessity of numerous references in support of the arguments I shall have to use, and in explanation of the statements I must make in this report, to give here a sketch of the history of these villages, and of the relative rights in them of the Government and of the holders of " wajeh" and of "santh."
8. Nearly four centuries ago, 12 villages in Thásra (since increased to their present

The 24 Malleki villages. number by the foundation of subsidiary hamlets, which have since (about A.D. 1825) been recognised as separate villages, were granted in free jághir by Sultán Mahomed Begurha, of Ahmedabad, to certain Mussalmán families, known as the Mallekzadas, as a recompense for malitary services rendered at the siege of Champanir. Forapwards of two centuries'the Malleks seem to have enjoyed their villages rent-free, managing them on the system then usual in Gujarát, that of the bhagbatai, or a duvision of prodace between the landlord and the cultivator.
9. When about the beginning of the 18th century the Marathas began to establish their power in Gujarat, the Peshwa's Government imposed upon the Malleki villages an udhad jamábandi* or lump tribute, the amount of which was not fixed, but was regulated solely by comparative power of the Goverment to levy, and of the Malleks to resist, the exaction. To raise this payment the Malleks imposed upon their cultivators and the other inhabitants of their villages a cess called karram viro, the amount of which was proportioned to the means of each person who paid it. But as the cultivators conld not pay both karram viro and the usual half share of produce, the Malleks seem about this time to have lowered their grain rents, called "wajeh," to one-third of the produce.
10. About a.d. 1769 the Mallekgiri army of the Gáikwár began to levy a tribute under the name of "ghásdána" from the Malleki villages, and this continued to be irregularly executed until the introduction of British rale, when Captain Ballantyne settled its amount at Co.'s Rs. 3,906-6.0.
11. Besides the above tributes, some of the Malleki villages were liable to a jamábandi payment to the Bábi of Bálásinor.
12. It seems to have been considered that all these exactions were to be defrayed out of the karram viro, $\dagger$ and not from the Mallek's share of produce. The Malleks had, however, besides their "wajeh," otherr resources in transit duties and "wol" or "toda girás," which they exacted from neighbouring villages.
13. When the Peshwa's officers, the Mallekgiri army of the Gáikwár, or the Bábi of Bálásinor, were strong enough to exact more than the usual tribnte, the Malleks seem to have been hard pressed for money to satisfy their demands, and consequently mortgaged or sold a considerable quantity of land. But what they parted with in these cases was their own "wajeh" or share of produce, and the holders or cultivators of these lands were still liable to the karram -viro.
14. At the introduction of British rule, therefore, the lands of these villages seem to have been divided into the following classes:-
(1) Sarkári lands paying a wajeh of one-third the produce, and also karram viro.
(2) Vechani and girania lands, paying karram viro, but no wajeh.

[^20](3) Passaieta, \&c., and village service lands, sometimes entirely free, sometimes paying karram viro or salami.
(4) Lands cultivated by Malleks themselves, and apparently analogous to "jivai" landṣ in "tálụkdạ́ri" villages paying nothing.
15. The pargana of Thásra came under British rule in A.D. 1817-18. In the following year Government Talátis were put into the Malleki villages, and a "kardo" or field register of all the lands prepared. A bighoti was then imposed upon all Sarkari, and a phato chas or quit-rent upon all vechani and girania lands, in lieu of the karram viro, the Malleks still continuing to levy their wajeh in kind. This arrangement pressed so hard upon the cultivators (chiefly because the Mallelss refused to pay the ghásdana and Balasinor tribute out of their wajeh, and continued to levy extra cesses to provide for them, that they immediately began to desert the villages.
16. In 1819-20, therefore, Captain Robertson, Collector of Kaira, introduced a new and totally different system noto these villages, based upon the principle of consolidating all demands to which the cultivators were liable.
17. He abolished all cesses and the practice of levying "wajeh ", in kind, and in lieu thereof fixed bighoti rates•upon vechani, girania, and "kbátábandi" Sarkári lands, i. e. those that were permanently occupied. These howerer were entirely caste-rates, and though their amount varied in different villages, yet in each village it was regulated, not by the quality of the soil, but by the caste of the cultivator. The most common rates were Bábásái Rs. $4 \frac{1}{2}$ to 6 for Kunbis, and 3 and $3 \frac{1}{3}$ for Kolls. Sarkárílands not khátábandi were to be let out by the village officers on any terms they pleased.

18, In lieu of their "wajeh" the Malleks were to receive upon each cultivated bigha of Sarkári land Bábásái Rs. 1-8-0 = Co.'s Rs. 1-5-10, and weré also to enjoy free of assess: ment the lands they were themselves cultivating. The management of girania and vechani lands was resumed, and in lieu of their "wajeh," the holders were to receive upon each cultıvated bigha a "kothli santh" of Bábasaai Re. $1=$ Co.'s Re. 0-14-7. Half of the Gáikwar's ghásdána was to be paid by Government, and the remainder, with whole of the Bálásinor tribute, by the Malleks. Government Talatis were put into the villages, and the management of them taken out of the hand of the Mfalleks.
19. The effect of these arrangements, it will be observed, was to reduce the Malleks from the position of proprietors of alienated villages paying a tribute to Government, to that of persons having merely a share of the revenues of Government villages.
20. All the Malleks agreed to these terms, except those of Pudal and its subsidiary hamlets, who refused to pay any portion of the Gáikwar's ghásdana or Bálásinor tribute, urging that these exactions had always been defrayed from the karrum viro and not out of the "wajeh." Captain Robertson consequently made a separate agreement with these Malleks, and passed them a Sanpd in A.D. 1820 , of which the principal clauses are the following:-

İst-That Government sḥould defrạ the ghásdána and Bálásinor tribute.
2nd-That the Malleks should receive Bábásaị Rs. 1-8-0. as "wajeh" on each
cultivated bighạ of Sarkári land,

## $3 r d$ Tr'That they were to enjoy free 746 bighás of Sarkári land cultivated by themselves. 4th-That upon paying off mortgages upon giránia lands, they were to receive the "sanths."

21. I suppose it was considered that the same reasons which induced Captain Robertson to relieve the Pudal Malleks from payment of the ghásdana, applied with equal force to that tribute from other villages, for at the jamábandi of 1826-27, Mr. Williamson, Collector of Kaira, on the petition of the Malleks, ordered that the deduction from their wajeh on account of half the ghâdána should be digcontinued, and the whole amount paid by Government, No separate order to this effect is forthcoming, nor does the fact seem to have been reported to Government. But it is entered in the jamábandi raj kaund for that year. The arrangements regarding the Bálásinor tribute will be described below (paragraph 44),
22. About 1820, the prices of agricultural produce began to fall rapidly, and in consequence Captan Robertson's caste rates were found to be so oppressive, that the inferior soils began to go out of cultivation. The Malleks of 16 villages, therefore ${ }_{2}$ consented in 1823 to a new arrangement, under which the bigoti rates originally fixed were to be modified in cases when it might seem' necessary, and upon all lands rated at Bábásái Rs. $3=$ Co.'s Rs. 2-11-8 and upwards, the Malleks were to receive Bábásai Rs. 1-8-0 $=$ Co.'s $\mathrm{Ks}_{\mathrm{s}}$. 1-5-10 per cultivated bigha and the rent of all lands rated lower than Rs. 2-11-8 was to be divided equally between Government and the Malleks. A sumilar arrangement was made for the santheli lands; when the rate was Bábásai Rs. $2=$ Ćo.'s Rs. $1-13-2$ or under, the assessment was to be equally divided between Government and santh-holders; when it exceeded that sum, the santh-holders were to receive Bábásai Re, $1=$ Co.'s Re. 0-14-7 per cultivated bigha, and Government the surplus.
23. For one village, Wassu, a different arrangement was made, according to which, not all, "wajehli" lands assessed at Bábásái Rs. $2=$ Co.'s Rs. 1-18-2 and over, the Malleks were to receive Bábásái Rs. $1-8-0=$ Co.'s Rs. 1-5-10 and Government the surplus, and on lands assessed at less than Bábásái Rs. 2, Government were to receive Bábáadii Re, 0-8-0 and the Malleks the surplus. The original arrangement about sanths was undisturbed in this village. In 1851, however, the Collector induced the Wassu Malleks to consent to the same arrangement with respect to their "wajeh" as in the 16 villages noted in the last paragraph. Sanths are, however, still paid in Wassu at the uniform rate of Re. 0-14-7 per cultivated bigha.
24. The Malleks of the other 7 villages, including Pudal, refused to depart from the agreement of 1819-20.
25. In 1824, Mr. Mills, 1st Assistant Collector in charge of Kaira, while reporting on some claims of the Malleks to toda giras allowances, took occasion to draw the attention of Government to Captain Robertson's settlements, which do not seem to have been reported previously. On this Government passed a Resolution, No. 1189, dated July 17th, 1824, of which the following is an extract:-

Para 4. "The plan of giving the Malleks a fixed sum per bigha, and taking the management of their villages out of their hands, must have the effect of reducing them from the situation of landlords to that of mere pensioners, and it is not to be expected that they will easily be reconciled to the change.

Para. 5. "It appears to the Honourable the Governor in Council that the Malleks

## i. e. Talukdars.

have as much claim to consideration as the Chiefs of Mehwási villages, or the small Grassia proprietors in Ahmedabad, and accordingly instructs you to treat them in the same way.'
26. On receipt of these instructions the Collector immediately removed the Government talatis, and handed the management of the villages over to the Malleks to the great satisfaction of the latter, who, however, seem to have immediately appointed and paid talátis of their own Captain Robertson's settlements of 1819 and 1823, with regard to the rates a nd relative shares of Government and of the Malleks, were still considered to be in force.
27. About this time most of the villages, including apparently those 7 the Malleks of which had determined upon abiding by the arrangements of 1819, were farmed to the Malleks. Under their leases the Malleks seem to have managed the entire villages, paying to Government the lump rental for which they had agreed, and the "kothli santh" to the holders of them, and to have raised or lowered the rater upon all lands as they considered most advantageous to themselves.
28. These leases expired in 1837, and the arrangements of 1819 and 1823, as far as the amount of wajeh to be received by the Malleks is concerned, came again into force. But the rates adopted by the Malleks during the currency of the leases, both on "wajeli" and on "santheli" lands remained unaltered, and (except in two or three villages, in which new bigoti rates seem to have been fixed 15 or 20 years ago by the Collector, through the agency of Punches) are still in force. The consequences to the Government revenue are as follows.
29. In the 17 villages (including Wassu), the Malleks of which agreed to the settle-

Vide paragraph 23. ment of 1823 , the loss, caused by all reductions of assessment down to Rs. 2-11-8 has fallen exclusively upor Government, and in rates below that sum has been borne equally by the Malleks and by Government, and similarly (except in Wassu) with regard to sanths. The revenue derived from "wajehli" lands in these villages are consequently now shared tolerably equally between both parties.
39. In the other 7 villages managed under the settlement of 1819 , the loss caused by reduction of rates has fallen exclusively upon the Government $V$ vie paragraph 18. share, and a very serions loss of revenue has been the natural consequence, as the Malleks, who could not receive more than Rs. $1-5-10$ per bigha, whatever the land was assessed at, of course lowered the rates to increase the prosperity of their villages, and to get more land into cultivation. In these villages, however, there seems to have been a tacit understanding, that no "santheli"" land was to be rated at less than Rs. 1-5-10, andono "wajehli" land at less than Rs. 1-9-6 per bigha, in order that Government might receive not less than Re. 0-7-3 and Be. 0-5-8 (after deduction of santh Re. 0-14-7 or wajehli Re. $0-5-10$ ) from these lands respectively. This would of course have kept out of cultivation all lands worth less than these rates. But it seems that the Malleks were in the habit of letting out such (wajehly) lands for what they would fetch, and showing them in the books as rated at Rs. 1-9-6, of paying the Re, 0-3-8 to Government. It is also suspected that they sometimes let lands shown as rated at Rs. 1-9-6 for a larger sum, and appropriated the difference.
31. Mr. Ogilvy, First Assistant Colleetor, pointed out the irregularity of system in these villages in 1843, but Government then declined to inter-
G. G. mde Mr. Arbuthnot'a letter to the Acting Revenue No. ${ }^{155}$ of Marclar 6ta, 2888, para. 7.

Tade para. 26.
fere, and since that time several officers have communicated in severe terms upon the conduct of the Malleks in reducing the rates fixed by Captain Robertson. I doubt, however, whether even putting out of sight the Government Resolution of 1824, which handed over to them the management of their villages the Mallebs were not justified under the agreement of 1819
in the course which they took. The rates originally fixed by Captain Bobertson were only
Vide paragraph 17. for khatabandi lands, and lands not permanently occupied were British rule, prices, as is well known, fell much and rapidly, and by about 1830 had got so low, that $3 \frac{1}{2}$ and even 4 katcha maunds of bajri were selling for 1 rupee. Consequently the cultivators could not afford to pay Captain Robertson's rates, and the khátas broke up, the principle of the khatabandi system being that the holder must pay the full assessment for all the lands comprised in his khata, or give it entirely up. Whon this happened the Malleks had no alternative but to leave the lands waste, or to let them at rates which the cultirators could afford to pay, and the consequent loss of Government revenue seems to me to have been caused only by the faulty nature of Captain Robertson's settlement. By that settlement, indeed, the rates on waste were to be fixed by the village officers under the

## Wade paragraph 27. authority of the Collector, by which stipulation Captain

 were sufficiently guarded, but the talátis having been removed, and the management handed over to the Malleks in 1824, the Collector had no longer power to interfere.33. In l850: and 1852 Mr, Travers, First Assistant Collector, and Mr. Liddell, Collector of Kaira, a question having arisen regarding the amount of Malleks' wajeh in Wassu reported on the anomalies existing in these villages, and recommended a revision of assessments. After some correspondence, however, it was determined that no alterations should be made till the introduction of the Survey Settlement into the Thasra Pargana.
34. In 1858, Mr. Arbuthnot, in the courso of his inquiries as Special Commissioner for Alienations in Gujarát, reported upon the Malleki villages.
35. The state in which he found the system of management prevailing in them was briefty this: The Malleks appninted and paid their own talatis, who collected the whole revenue according to the existing rates, and paid it into the Government treasury. Then the cash." wajeh" was divided among the Malleks, and the "kothli sanths" among the holders, in the following manner. Such and such Sarkari fields in a village were entered as the estate of Mallek Hussein, deceased. At the close of the season the talatis and mam nudar examined the "páhani patrak," to see how much of this land had been cultivated, and calculated upon this the cash wajeh due to Hussein. This they then entered in a paper called the "Distribution Book," which showed the names of all the heirs of Hussein, and their proportionate shares, and the wajeh was then divided among them accordingly. Kothli sanths were paid in the same way. As it had been the custom, when a Mallek or santhholder died leaving 8 sons, to enter all their names in the distribution book, it is not surprising that the numbèr of. recognised sharers had becqme excessive. In 18.55-56 there were:-

|  |  |  | Distinct <br> Shares. | Recognigod <br> Shares. |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Of Wajeh | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 274 | 732 |
| Of Sanths | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | 2,170 | $\mathbf{3 , 7 1 4}$ |

36. To reduce the number of names upon the books, Mr. Arbuthnot recommended that from May 1st, 1858; the names of the rearest representatives of those sharers with whom Captain Robertson concluded his agreement should alone be entered in the peta kháta wahi, that the wajeh should annually be paid to thenr ir a lump, and that they should be required to divide it among their sub-sharers according to the distribution book, in which book existing names only showld be entered, nor should any new name be entered without and order of the Assistant Cotlector in charge of the district. These recommendations have been carried out by order of the Revenue Commissioner for Alienations.
37. Mr. Arbuthnot also pointed out the loss of revenue which Government was sustaining in the 7 -villages administered under the settlement of 1819, and recommended that the arrangements of 1823 should be immediately erforeed in this also. On this subject a long correspondence ensued between the Revenue Commissioner N. D., the Revenue Commissioner for Alienations, the Collector, and the late Settlement Officer, in the course of which Mr. Rogers expressed his opinion that the introduction of the Survey system into the Malleki villages was absoluteIy necessary, but that neither this measure nor that advocated by Mr. Arbuthnot could legally be enforced, unless the Malleks were previousiy served with a notice of assessment under Section XXXVIII of Regulation XVII of 1827, when, as they held in jaghir, and their rights were consequently. resumable at the pleasure of Government, they might be compelled to accept any equitable terms which Government might be pleased to offer them. In the latter part of this opinion Mr. Rogers, it will be seen from this report, was mistaken. It was fipally decided that the villages should

Revenue Commissioner N. D. ${ }_{\text {of }}$
to Settlement Officer, No. 259 of 1860.

Cbief Secretary to Acting Reyenue Commissioner for Aliena
tions, No. 199, 18th January 1858
To Collector of Kaira, No. 897 of $\mathbf{1 8 9 0}$.
the Malleks being deferred till the introduction of the Survey ${ }^{*}$ be measured and classed, which hàs accordingly been done; a decision regarding the relative rights of Government and of pang, however, in 1858 directed the commutation of fluctuating payments calculated upon average receipts for a certain number of years, the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., directed that im mediate steps should be taken for the commutation under these arders of the Malleks' wajeh.
38. The question of the mode in which this commutation should be carried out having

To Superintendent of Survey, No. 105 of 1860 .

Vide paragraph 26.
been referred to me for report, I ventured to suggest that this course would be in violation of existing engagements with the Malleks, and that it would be better, under the Government Resolution of 1824, to give them the entire management of their villages, upon payment of a rental fixed annually in
the lump.
39. Mr. Hadow, yourself, and the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., agreeing with me in this view, Mr. Ellis, on his visit to Thásra in February last, summoned the principal Malleks, and asked them whether they would consent to a commutation of all Government claims upon their villages into a fixed annual jamábandi, and would undertake the management of their villages on those terms. This they declined, alleging that their number was too great to give them a chance of managing their villages successfully, and stated that they would agree to any terms of settlement which would not impair their status and incomes. Mr. Ellis then directed me to endeavour to frame a scheme for the introduction of the Survey Revenue System under these conditions, and to get the Malleks' consent to it.

## Pággi Thákur's Villages.

40. The history of these villages, Myhi-i-tadi Wádi Bhág and Wallabpura Bhág, does not require a long notice. They originally formed part of the Balásinor State $_{2}$ and about A.D. 1750 were granted by the then Babio in indam to their own Thákurs in reward for

The two villages of the Paggi Thakurs services rendered in restoring him to his gadi, from which he had been driven by the Peshwa's officers. The Peshwa's Government, however, soon imposed upon them a tribute leviable by means of a "karram viro," as in the Malleki villages, and Captain Robertson included them in his settlement with the Malleks of 1819, with this exception, that instead of resuming the girania and vechania lands, and giving the holders a kothii santh, he merely imposed a swadeo of Re, 0-14-7 per cultivated bighaupon these lands. The Thákurs. afterwards agreed to the Settlement of 1823 , and the villages have since been administered in accordance with it.

## Rojwa.

41. The history and tenure of this village are more

The Babi of Bdidsinor's one village, Rajwa.

Vids Mn Peile's report in the Ahienation Department, No. 239 of 1859 ,
complicated, and to make these intelligible, I must sketch, as shortly as I can, the history of the connection between the Pargana of Thásra and the Bálísinor State.
42. The Jághir of Bálásinor, belonging to a branch of the great Mussalmán Babi 42. The Jaghir of Balasinor, belonging to a branch of the great Mussalman babi
Treaty of Poona, June 13th, family, was included in the farm of Ahmedabad, and there1817. fame was granted by Bajirao Peshwa to Arandrạo Gaikwar, and ceded by him to the British Government.
November 6th, 1817.
43. When the Thásra Táluka, as part of the above farm, came under British rule, the following villages, once included in the 56 villages of the Bílasinor Jaghir, and at thati tıme still tributary to the Babi, formed ai part of it:-


Of these villages the tribute on the 2 bhágs of Myhi-i-tadi had, as stated above, beerr Paragraph 40. remitted to the Paggi Thákurs. As the 8 Malleki and Government villages were considered "mehwási" or turbulent, the Babi exacted from them only a jamábandi in cash. But the last 3 villages being "rasti" or peaceable, the Bábi levied a "wajeh" or share of one-third the grann, the Peshwa's revenue being levied out of a " karram viro." Rojwa, indeed, is said to have been originally one of the Malleki villages, the "wajeh" in which was transferred to the Bábi by a family of Malleks who stıll live "there, and receive a small sum as Pátil's. allowance.
44. In 1819, soon after the introduction of British rule, Captain Robertson made an. agreement with the Bábi, to the effect that he should continue to make his levy in kind from those villages in which this had hitherto beer the case, and that Government should collect
and pay to him a fixed sum from thase villages in which he had been accustomed to levy a cash jamábandi. A yadi was therefore drawn out of the sums then payable from these villages, which amounted altogether to Bábásái Rs, 3,678 . From this sum Captain Robertson deducted the Bábi's jamábandi of Khadgodra and Sanadra, and a trifle from that of Salun, amounting altogether to Co.'s Rs. 616-13-11 for expenses of collection, which sum is still deducted from the Malleks' wajeh in those villages and credited to Guvernment, and, the remainder, Co.'s Rs. 2,732-8-1, was entered in the account under the head of "giras"" and paid in the lump from the Kaira treasury. The Bábi's jamannandi for the Malleki villages was to be deducted from the Malleks ${ }^{\prime}$ wajeh, but the Malleks of Padal complained so much about the levy, Ra. 456-2-10 from their hamlets of Kuni and Balare, that Captain Robertson excased them the payment, as he did also with their Vude paragraph $20 . \quad \begin{aligned} & \text { Robertson excused } \\ & \text { share of the Gákwár's ghásdána. The tribute from Waugroli, }\end{aligned}$ Nadodra, Sandali, and Salun is still deducted from the Malleks' wajeh. It amounts to Rs. 979-11-7.
45. The history of the three other villages in which the Bábi continued to levy his revenue in kind is briefly as follows.
46. Wardla.-The Bábi continued his levy in kind until 1825, when Mr. Mills, the Collector, introduced a bighoti assessment, stopped the Babi's grain levy (apparently without his consent), and substituted for it one-third the annual produce of the Government bighoti. The village has since been administered in all reapeots as a Government one, and the Survey Settlement was introduced into it last season. The following is a comparative table of its revenue:-

Assessment of Cultivated Government Lands according to the Survey Jamábandi of 1863-64.

| Ond Sytrix. |  | Surviy Syemm. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Asseasment. | Of which Bábi's share of one-third. | Total Absessment. | of which Babr's share of one-third |
| $\begin{array}{lll} \mathrm{Rs}_{0} & \text { a. } & p_{0} \\ 1,321 & 0 & 6 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Rs}, & \mathrm{an} & \mathrm{p} . \\ 440 & 5 & 6 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 1,597 & 7 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs, } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 535 & 7 & 8 \end{array}$ |

47. Porda.-In 1817, Bábi Salábat Khán assigned his revenuein his village to his mistress Baxanji for her life. She continued the grain levy until 1837,when Mr. Kirkland introduced a bighoti, stopped Baxanji's share in kind, and gave her in lieu of it one-third the bighoti. Baxanji died in 1853, and the share of revenue, after having been for some time under attachment, reverted to the Bábi, The village is managed in all respects as a Goveroment one, and the Survey was introduced into it last season. The following is a comparative table of the revenue :-

Assessment of Cultivated Government Lands according to the Survey Jamábandi
of 1863-64.

| Oиd Sxazy. |  | Sutyuy Syatiu. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Assossment. | Of which Babis share of one-third | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total Aesess- } \\ \text { mento } \end{gathered}$ | Of which Babr's share of one-third. |
| $\underset{269}{\mathrm{Rss}_{10} \mathrm{ar}_{0} \mathrm{p}} \underset{6}{ }$ | $\mathrm{Rss}_{86} \mathrm{ar}_{8} \mathrm{p}$ p. | $\begin{array}{ll} \mathrm{R}_{441} & \text { a. } \\ \hline 9 \end{array}$ | ${ }_{147}^{\mathrm{Rs}_{1}}{ }_{3}^{\text {a. }} \mathbf{3} \text { p. }$ |

48. Rajwa.-This is the village the settlement of which has now to be made. Salábat Vide paragraph 15. Khan assigned his revenue in this village also to Baxanji in Vide paragraph 15. 1817. In 1815 Captain Robertson seems to have made the same arrangement in this as in the Malleki villages, putting a Talati into it, preparing a kardo, imposing a bighoti upon Government and a quit-rent upon alienated lands, in lieu of the karram viro, and leaving Baxanji to levy her wajeh in kind as before. This arrangement was not superseded in the following year by that which was substituted for it in the Malleki villages, probably because Baxanji would not part with her grain wajeh. In 1847, Mr. Webb proposed to fix a consolidated bighoti, of which Baxanji should receive one-third, but this she refused. Mr. Webb therefore revised the original bighoti, keeping it at a lower rate than he would otherwise have done ${ }_{4}$ to allow for Baxanji's share of grain, which she continued to receive till her death in 1853, when the Babil levied the grain wajeh till 1855-56. The Collector then collected the grain for 1856-57 and 1857-5 ${ }^{\text {a }}$, amounting to katcha maunds 2,700 , sold it, and kept the proceeds, Rs. 963 , in deposit, pending a decision on the Bábi's claim to wajeh, which the Collector disputed. The people then began to desert the village, the reason being, that Baxanji had been very lenient in collecting her grain dues, and seldom realised more than Rs. 150 to 300 per annum from them, so that an exact levy of one-third the produce when enforced, pressed hard on the people. On a
suggestion of Mr. Arbuthnot's, therefore, the grain levy was stopped, and one-third was added to the existing bighoti, which amount was kept in deposit. Mr. Mansfield afterwards ordered the deposit to be paid to the Babi, and that he should be permitted to resume levying * his wajeh in kind, which he still does
49. Besides his wajeh, the Babi has a small direct revenue from Rojwa, arising from a trifling plough-cess on Kunbi cultivators, the produce of fruit-trees, firewood, a quarry, \&c., and also receives Rs. 80-5-10, given under Act I of 1838, as compensation for the abolition of transit dues. Rs. $68-6-1$ are paid annually to the Gáikwár as ghásdána on account of Rajwa, of which Rs. 34-9-7 are paid by the Bábi and Rs. 33-12-6 by Government.
50. There are in Rajwa bighas 1,104 of land called, though improperly, Sarkár santheli, assessed to Government at a bighoti on cultivation, amounting altogether to Rs, 1,054, and on which the Babi receives nothing, the "wajeh" upon it having been alienated by him. Captain Robertson, in 1818, assessed these lands very heavily, the fate on them being for Kunbis as high as Rs. 4 per bigha, and consequently the "cultivators could seldom afford to pay the proper quantity of grain as "wajeh" to the alienees. About 1840, Mr, Kirkland tried to induce the alienees to receive a cash "santh" from Government in lieu of their "wajeh," but this they refused. The Government rates on these lands were considerably reduced by Mr. Webb, and the alienees still receive their wajeh, sometimes in cash, sometimes in grain, as may be agreed on between them and the cultivators. I understand, however, that the amount thus received is in ordinary seasons not large.
51. I have now, I hope, sufficiently described the history of the villages under report, and the nature of the various rights obtaining in them. It now remains to determine the pitch of the Survey assessment to be introduced in these villages, and the mode in which existing rights may be permanently settled, with due regard to the interests of Government, of the holders, and of the cultivators; and although there is the closest connection between these two subjects, it will be, I think, convenient to consider them separately.
52. The question of the pitch at which the Survey assessment is to be fixed is a much Pitch assessment. more difficult one in these than in ordinary khalsa villages. For the bighoti rates hitherto paid have been as a rule considerably higher than in similar khálsa villages. To impose therefore Survey rates no higher than I should, upon general grounds, recommend were the villages khalsa, would cause a decrease of revenue which, (whether the existing "wajeh" and "santh" are to be commuted into fixed annual sums, info a fixed proportion of the assessment, or in any other manner,) could not but affect injuriously the interests either of Goverament or of the Malleks and santh-holders, or of both. But it may be said that there is no occasion to reduce the assessment, that the rayats, as they have hitherto managed to pay the existing rates, can well afford to do so now, considering the great rise in prices, and that Government cannot be expected to give the cultivators such liberal terms, in cases where the incomes of others are concerned, as where its own interests only are affected. This is perfectly true but does not altogether meet the difficulty. In revisung the assessment of khalsa districts, we endeavour to fix our Survey rates at such a pitch, as just to make agriculture still remunerative to the most unskilful class who commonly cultivate : at such a pitch the profits of superior husbandry are of course much larger than the bare remuneration of unskilful cultivation, but that this should be the case is one of the great objects of the Survey system. But the bighoti rates which obtain in the Malleki villages, though not now absolutely caste rates, are yet founded upon Captain Robertson's caste rates, and consequently the Kunbis are as a rule paying rates very much higher than those paid by the Kolis. By fixing the Survey assessment (regulated solely according to the varying fertility of different soils) at a pitch which shall produce about the present amount of gross revenue, the payments of the Kunbis will be reduced, but those of the Kolis will be raised beyond what they are mow paying, and beyond what, in similar kkilsa villages, would be considered the highest rate of assessment which they could fairly be expected to pay, so as to leave them a remuneration on their cultivation.
53. This, it will be seen at once, is a serious diffioulty. I hope, however, that looking at the great rise in prices since the existing rates were fixed, it will be found that the Kolis will be able to pay rates which, on the whole, will produce a gross revenue as large as the present one, provided that the Survey rule which directs that villages similarly situated with respect to market and climate shall be similarly rated, be not very strictly adhered to, and that some difference in the maximum rates be allowed to meet differences in the average skill and means of the cultivators of different villages.
54. Basing my proposals upon this principle, I will proceed to examine the accompanying diagram, which gives an abstract of cultiyation, revenue, and changes for 20 years from A.D. 1843-44 to A.D. 1862_63.

From this it will be seen that cultivation has inereased from "Asra" bighas 30,178 to "Asra" bighas 39,007 , an increase of 30 per cent. in 20 years, which increase however has taken place within the last 5 years included in the diagram only, that is to say, since prices began to rise. The increase in cultivation for the same 20 years in the khalsa villages of the district is 34 per cent.

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The gross revenue has increased in the same 20 years 183 per cent., the figures being as below :--

|  | Wajeh. | Santhg. | Government Revenue. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In A.D. 1843-44 *** | 17,617 | 9.778 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rs. } \\ & 36,468 \end{aligned}$ | 63,863 |
| In A.D. 1862-63 *** | 22,468 | 11,009 | 42,374 | 75,851 |

The increase in gross revenue in the khalsa villages for the same 20 years is $24 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

Remissions have averaged only $0-7.5$ per cent. upon the gross revenue, the average in the khálsa villages being Re. 0-1ã-8 per cent.

I regret that there exist no trustworthy data to show the rate of increase in population as the operations of the late Survey did not extend to the villages under report. The population, however, now amounts to 24,953 , being an average of 277 to the square mile ; the ploughs to 3,494 , or an average of 39 to the square mile.

In the khélsa villages of Thásra, and in Daskrohi, the averages per square mile are as follows:-

|  |  |  | Population | Ploughe |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Taussrm khalsa villages | - | - | 344 | 374 |
| Daskrohi excIusive of A hmedabad Oity | $\cdots$ | - | 322 | 33 |

55. From these statistics it will be seen that the group of villages under report is far from unprosperows, and that on the whole it will bear a comparison with the best portion of the rest of the pargana, that near Dakore and Umret, notwithstanding its marked inferiority in point of situation with regard to markets.
56. Looking at the average classification which, compared with that of other districts of the Kaira Collectorate, is decidedly low, it might be thought that the soil in these villages is generally of an inferior quality. This however is not the case. They contain much "goraru" or light-coloured sandy, and "besur" or medium land of exceedingly good quality, mixed with a great deal of the inferior sort of black soil called "mal", and it is the low pitch at which the latter kind of land has been classified, aecording to the scale adopted for the Thásra Parganah which has pulled down the average classification. This scale of classification (combined with a considerable reduction of rates for lands lying at a distance from their villages) gives me confidence in proposing high maximum rates. For there is seldom any fear, under the Survey system, of getting the rates too high upon the best and most favourably-situated lands, the danger is always of over-assessing the inferior soils.
57. The rates which I propose, and their approximate resulta upon all Gavernment lands, wajeh and santheli, are as follows :-

58. The above table is an abstract of the accompanying vernacular statement marked $C^{*}$, to which I beg to refer you for greater details. It does not, I hope, require explanation.
(a) The figures of assessment given include the Government share and the wajeh and sanths.
(b) The figures in columns $4,6,8$ are those of the revenue shown by the talatis' accounts, as assessed upon land actually cultivated in 1862-63. Those in columns 10, 12, 14 show the estimated survey assessment upon fields which are entered in the survey registers as cultivated in the same year.
(c) The survey assessments have been obtained by multiplying the number of acres (cultivated or total, as required,) shown in the survey registers, by the average rate as shown by the classification. They must be understood merely as the nearest estimate I can make of the effect of the proposed rates, before the Hisáwar measurement (which will give the exact area in acres of cultivated and waste land) is made, and the assessment worked out upon each field. Asoin working out the assessment, a reduction of one anna in the rupee for each $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of distance from its village will be made in the rate upon each field, the figures here given are too high by about 4 to 10 per cent., according to the area of each village.
(d) The rice water rates have been generally, as in the khálsa villages of the district, calculated upon a maximum one rupee lower than the maximum soil rate in each village, This rate is.not, I think, too high. For nearly all the rice land in the villages under report is "akasia," or watered by the rain only, without tank or well assistance, and the highest classification on such land is 8 annas only. Thus, if the maximum dry-crop rate is Rs. 4-12-0, the assessment of the very best akasia rice land will be Rs. $4-12+$ Rs. $1-14=$ Rs. $6-10$, which is not $a$ very heavy rate.
59. The maximum dry-crop rates I have adopted vary from Rs. 4-12 to Rs, 1-12. The highest rates are in the two Hungadis, which from their size, position, and situation upon the new made road, ought to be assessed most beavily of the villages ander report. The Hungadis would perhaps have borne a rate somewhat higher, but I thought it not desirable to fix a rate in the Malleki villages higher than that imposed upon Umret Kasba, the best and most heavily assessed of the khalsa villages of the district. Had they been khalsa the Hungadis would probably have been assessed at Rs. 4, and the rates proposed generally are about one-fifth or one-sixth higher than they would have been if the villages under report had been assessed at the same pitch as the rest of the district. Next to the Hun gadis, the villages most heavily rated are the central and eastern ones, in which the soil is of a good quality, the cultivation superior, and many of the inhabitants Kunbis. The villages rated lowest are those to the north-west in which the "mal " soil prevails; the cultivation is inferior, and the rayats are mostly poor Kolis. I have, however, as explained above, paragraph 53, varied the rates to allow for differences in the means and agricultural skill of the cultivators of different villages, and in doing this I have endeavoured, as far as possible, neither on the one hand to raise or lower unduly the total assessment, nor on the other to make an excessive difference between the rates of neighbouring villages. I trust, therefore, that you will on the whole approve of the rates and grouping of villages now proposed.
60. With a few more observations, I will conclude this part of my subject.
(a) You will notice in the table at paragraph 57 that, generally speaking, the rates which have somewhat raised the assessment of wajehli lands have lowered that of santheli. The reason of this is obvious; the Malleks, who had no interest in the santheli lands being cultivated, did not lower Captain Robertson's rates on these lands, or not to the extent to which they lowered those on wajehli lands. But as these lands are now almost entirely cultivated, the present rates upon them would not seem to be too high, and in fixing my rates, therefore, I have beer a good deal guided by the effect produced upon them. It must, however, on the other hand, be observed that the santheli lands are very commonly cultivated by Kunbis.
(b). A very great difficulty in fixing rates of assessment for Malleki villages is cansed by the immense variation in the area contained in the asra or estimated bigah, which, these villages not having been measured by the late Survey, is the only measure of area in use in them. Thus (the standard bigah being about $\frac{23}{40}$ of an acre) I find that the bigha of wajehli land in Hungadi Kasba, is only equal to $\frac{15}{6}$ of an acre, while that of sántheli land is equal to $\frac{27}{4} \frac{7}{0}$. In Nadadra again the bigha, is equal to aore $14 \%$. The reason of so great discrepancies is obvious enough. In Hungadi, one of the villages in which under the settlement of 1819 the Malleks receive wajeh at the uniform rate of hs, 1-5-10 on each cultivated bigha, they have lowered their rates, and at the same time decreased the area of the bigha, in order to defraud Goverment, while in the poor Koli village of Nadadra, the Malleks have been obliged to incresse the area of the bigha, in order to lower the fixed rates of assessment, which
the cultivators could not pay. 'But these great differences in the area of the bigha make any comparison between existing bigoti rates, and those now proposed, altogether fallacions "sanths."
(c) You will notice in the table the discrepancies in the effect of the Survey rates upon the "kamál," and on the cultivateḍ area only. Thus, in Hungadi Kasba the "kamál" of wajehli lands is, at the rates I have proposed, lowered from Rs. 4,334 to Rs. 3,013, while the assessment of cultivated area only is raised from Rs. 1,870 to Rs. 2,250 According to the tallati's returns of 1893 , there were in that year 808 bighas only cultivated out of a total 6 , shows 671 acres cultivated out of a total of 815. It is true that the Survey Register does not show the exact area of cultivation, as a number half of which is cultivated is in it shown las entirely cultivated, and a number more than half of which is waste, is shown as eutirely waste. But no variation caused by this will account for so great a difference, and I can ouly suppose, what has been always suspected, that there is a large amount of concenled cativation in the Malleki villages. That this shonld be the case is not surprising, considering that the tallatis are the servants not of Government but of the Malleks, and that only means the Mámlatdár has of testing the correctness of the cultivation returns is the lax supervision of tajvijdáss.
61. I will now proceed .to the mode of settlement of the Mallek's wajeh rights, the Settlement of Wajeh. adoption of which I should recommend, and first I beg to state my decided opinion that, whatever settlement is decided on, must be effected by agreement with the Malleks, and with their consent. For I have shown that the rights of the Malleks have been acknowledged by a resolution of Government, and that the terms on which they hold were, soon atter the introduction of British pule, arranged by formal agreement between them and the then Collector. It would be therefore, it seems to me, a distinct breach of faith to alter these terms against the will of the Malleks, because they have proved disadvantageons to Government.
62. On the other hand, however, it must be remembered that these termg have proved exceedingly disadvantageous to Government, and much more so than could have been
anticipated when they were arranged. Mr. Liddell, writing in 1852 , says, "-" whilst the revenue actually recervable by Government has been reduced to about half of what it amounted to in A D. 1821-22, the Malleks' wajeh has increased somewhat about one-fourth of what it. was in A.D. 1819-20 and following years."

And it will be observed that where the agreements of 1819 and 1823 hare been Paragraph 21. Paragraph $210^{\circ}$.
Paragraph $60(b)$. departed from, whether authorizedly, as in the case of the Malleks' share of ghásdána, remitted by the Collector in 1826, or fraudulently, as in that of the decrease of the area of the bigha, it has always been to the loss of Government and to the advantage of the Malleks.
63. This being so, there is, I think, no reason whatever why Government should offer to the Malleks terms more favourable on the whole to them than the present ones; and if they refuse to accept such terms, I think they ought to be informed that the original agreements will be strictly carried out; that they will again be required to pay the half share of the Gáikwár's ghásdána, which the Oollector, without the authority of Government remitted to them in 1826, and that their wajeh will be caiculated upon the real, not the estimated bigha. I do not know whether it would be fair to tell them also that the assessment of their villages will be calculated at the same pitch as that of the khasla villages of the district. I am afraid that this course might seem to infringe upon what have hitherto been allowed, at least tacitly, to be the rights of the Malleks, and indeed it wonld not affect their receipts in the seven villages held under the agreement of 1819, in which alone do I expect any opposition to an equitable settlement. Unfortunately, in the Padál villages, the. Malleks of which are the most troublesome of any, Captain Robertson guaranteed, by the Sanad of 1820, that Government would pay the whole ghásdána.
64. The following are the modes of settlement which have suggested themselves to me:-

1st-To commote the Mallek's wajeh, either upon their average receipts for a certain number of years, or at something in excess of this, into a fixed sum, to be paid annually without regard to the extent of cultivation. This would be the simplest settlement of any; but I think the Malleks would never consent to it, as it would impar their status as land-holders. . It may be worth while however to offer them this, as an alternative to the mode of settlement which $I$ am about to recommend, giving them the option of a fixed annual sum somewhat higher than they would otherwise now recerve, to allow for waste lands being brought under cultivation.
$2 n d$-To fix as a charge against the assessment of each Survey feld the exact sum which it would now pay as wajeh, supposing it entirely cultivated, and pay that to the Malleks whenever the assessiment of the field might be levied,

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This plan was suggested to me by Mr. Trevor, 3rd Assistant Collector of Kaira, and it has the advantage of leaving the Malleks nothing to complain of. There are, however, objections which I think are fatal to it.
(a) The existing assessment on which the wajeh is calculated, are so uneven; that the wajeh would be found to amount to more than the whole Survey assessment of some fields.
(b)-As Survey numbers do not correspond with the late numbers, the only way of ascertaining the present amount of wajeh upon any Survey number would be by turning the bighoti rate of wajeh into an acre rate, and then multiplying that rate by the area of the Survey field. But to do this wonld require ns to ascertain the proportion which the asra bigha bears to the acre, which we cannot do, as it varies even in the same village, being in fact a measure of quality as well as.of ) area.
$3 r d-T o$ find the proportion which the entire recorded amount of wajeh in each village bears to the Survey kamal, or total assessment of all wajehli lands, and to divide the assessment of each field in that proportion.

I am not sure that this is not the best mode of settlement, and it would probably be ieast objectionable to the Malleks. There are, however, two objections to it-first, the want of uniformity in the proportions in which the revenue would be divided in different villages now held on the same terms, and next, that the loss caused by reduction of assessment would fall exclusively upon Government.

4th-To find the portion which the present receipts of Government from wajehli lands bear to those of the Malleks in each village, and to divide the assessment of each Survey field in that proportion.
This plan was suggested to me by Mr. Ellis, but the objection of want of uniformity in system applies to it as much as to the last proposal, while it will cause as great a difference between the present and the revised receipts of the Malleks as the plan which I recommend.

5th-This plan is, to fix a certain uniform proportion, according to which the annual assessment of cultivated wajehli lands will be divided between Government and the Malleks.
65. I have framed the accompanying vernacular statement,* marked $D$ (which con- . tains full details of all revenue and charges in the villages under report,) in accordance with the last proposal; but should any other plan of settlement be thought preferable, it will be easy to ealculate its financial results from the figures given in the two vernacular statements.
60. The proportion in which I propose to divide the Survey assessment of wajehli
Including the two Paggi lands between. Government and the Malleks, in the $19 \dagger$ villages held under the settlement of A.D. 1823 is 9 annas to Govern* ment and 7 ta, the Malleks, out of each rupee of assessment. The total amount of wajeh assessed in these villages is now Rs. 21,387, and of the Government share Rs. 23,478, which makes the proportion of the Government share, compared with the wajeh, as nearly, as possible As. 7-8 to As. 8-4. I bave, however, raised the proportion somewhat in favour of Government to admit of Government paying the Talatis and the Balasinor tribute (vide paragraphs 79 and $\mathbf{~} 2$ below).
67. In the seven villages leeld under the settlement of a.d. 1819, more favourable terms must be offered to the Malleks, and I have therefore proposed to share the Survey assessment in the proportion of Annas 9 to the Malleks and Annas 7 to Government out of each rupee. The total amount of wajeh now assessed in these villages is Rs. 14,497, against only Rs. 7,165 , for the share of Government, or a proportion of nearly As. 10-8 to As. 5-4. But this proportion is far too great to be admitted, and as, looking at the cultivated area only, the present receipts of the Malleks will probably be on the whole somewhat raised by the proposed settlement, and they will be relieved from paying the Talatis, they will, I think, have no reason to complain.
68. The following table gives the approximate results of the proposed settle-ment:-

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69. The following is an abstract of the above table:-

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|  | Wajeh. |  | Government Share. |  | Wajeh. |  | Government Bhare. |  |
|  | By present System. | Proposed Settlement. | By present. | Proposed Settlement | By present | Proposed Sottlement. | By present System. | Proposed Settlement. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| In 19 villages ... In 7 villages ... <br> Total | 13,993 | 15,785 | 15,898 | 20,298 | 21,387 | 24,337 | 23,478 | 31,298 |
|  | 8,475 | 9,187 | -2, | 7,446 |  |  |  |  |
|  | 22,468 | 24,972 | 21,168 | 27,444 | 35,884 | 35,640 | 30,643 | 40,088 |

It must be remembered that (for reasons explained in paragraph 58 (c)) the estimates of the proposed settlement, in columns 3, 5, 7, 9 aloce, are higher probably by about 7 of 8 per cent than the real figures will prove to be.
-70. The Talatis are now appointed and paid by the Malleks, and are consequently not upon the Collector's establishment. They complain, with justice, that their present pay is totally inadequate, and on the other hand it is absolutely necessary for the propor administration of the Survey system, that they should be brought under the control of the Revenue authorities, by being made amenable to the Regulations. I have therefore proposed that they shall for the future be paid by Government; but I should recommend that the Malleks be allowed to nominate to vacancies, subject to the approval of the Collector, The present pay of Talatis amounts to Rs. 1,471, calculated by the Surat scale it will be about Rs. 8,142.*
71. The Mukhis, who are all Malleks, are now paid in cash by Government, and other 71. The Mukhis, who are all Malleks,
Mukhis and Village Establishment.
$\begin{aligned} & \text { village servants are remanerated in land or cash, no deduction } \\ & \text { being made from the wajeh on account of these payments. }\end{aligned}$

[^22]There is therefore no objection to the settlement of "gam kharach" items being made in the same way as in khálsa villages.
72. As I have stated above, paragraph 44, the Malleks of the villages noticed in the
 margin still pay tribute to the Bábi of Bálasinor; of this these Malleks complain much, both becanse, as they
say, the tribute was originally paid out of the say, the tribute was originally paid out of the karram viro (vnde paragraph 9, note) and because the Malleks of Padal have been excused their payment, notwithstanding the more favourable terms on- which they hold. There is some justice in these arguments, and. I beg therefore to recommend that the whole of the Balasinor tribute be for the future paid by Government. It will of courso be distinctly explained to the Malleks that this is a favour, not the acknowledg-, ment of a right.
73. The following will then; be the net results of the settlement (except that, as explained above, paragraph 69, the estimate of Survey assessment will prove about 8 per cent. too high).


This settlement, it-will be seen, is highly favoprable to the Mulleks; iudeed, il fear it may be thought too favourable. The Malleks however, cannot be compelled to abandon the terms on which they now hold, and though I think I can answer for it that they will accept the proposed settlement, I doubt much if they would agree to one much less favourable to them. It must also be remembered that they oertainly have an equitable elaim to share in any increase of assessment rendered practicable by the present high prices,


#### Abstract

74. One important point remains to be decided, the mode in which the proposed settlement, if approved by Government and accepted by the Malleks, is to be recorded in the village papers.


75. The plan adopted by Mr. Arbuthnot for reducing the number of names of holders of wajeh upon the books has been described above, paragraph 36. Each village is, however, considered to be divided inta distinct estates, and each field is in the khardo entered as a portion of an estate, in the name of the original proprietor, long since dead, When the principal Malleks divide the wajeh, pard over to them in the lump, among their subshares, they ascertain the amount due to each, by referring to the Talatis' annual cultivation returns, to find how much of each estate has been cultivated, and the bighoti rates upon it, and calculate the wajeh due on that estate accordingly, and the amount so ascertanned is then divided among the representatives of the deceased proprietor according to the rules of inheritance, But if, after the introduction of the survey settlement, the village papers are to be prepared in the ordinary form, the Malleks will have great difficulty in dividing their wajeh.' For the Survey fields are not the same as the present ones, nor will the Survey " khardo" show any name but that of the occupant, who will of course be the caltivator; unless, therefore; the Malleks are to be told that they mast keep their own accounts, which is undesirable, as leading to incessant disputes, one of two plans must be adopted :

1st. Each field must be recorded in the name of a particular Mallek as owner,
and the khardo will be in the following form :-
$\dagger$ To.Gcvernment for expenses of collection, vide paragraph 44.
$\ddagger$ Tallatis' pay is here reckoned at its existing amount, Rs, 1,471 .

| Survey Number | Area <br> Acres. | A ment. | Name of Owner, | - Area Acres. | Name of Occupant. | Share of Owner. | Share of Government. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 20 | 12 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Rs. } \\ & 32 \end{aligned}$ | Mallek Husain .. | 6 | Patel Ramji ... | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs. a. } & \text { p. } \\ 7 & 0 & 0 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|ccc} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 9 & 8 & 0 \end{array}$ |
|  |  |  | Mallek Kannu . $\{$ | 3 | Patel Ramji | 3880 | 480 |
|  |  |  |  | 3 | Patel Surbhai ... | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | 480 |
|  |  |  |  | 6 | *.... | $7 \quad 00$ | 900 |

2nd. Or the Malleks must be persuaded to forego their individual connection with particular lands, and to arrange, once for all, their distribution book, so as to show the shares according to which the annual total amount of wajeh is to be divided, independently of the cultivation of particular estates.
76. The first of these plans would probably be most acceptable to the Malleks, but it is open to grave objections. It would be anomalous to retain in the new khardo the names of people, as owners, who have long_been dead, yet the settling officer world probably find great difficulty in deciding what names to substitute for them, and a great increase in the number of names entered would be pretty sure to result. And after it had been decided what names to enter, the "Hissawar" measurement (that of subsidiary shares in Survey fields) must be so conducted as to show not only the shares of cultivators, but those of owners also. The second plan, though this not withont its difficulties, seems therefore preferable, and I think that the Malleks may be persuaded to adopt it, if it is represented to them that their position, as joint holders of alienated villages, will be higher than that of indıvidual owners of alienated lands. The best way of framing the distribution book will be by representing each share by a fraction of a rupee, as in the "phála" of a narwa village.
77. If the first of the abowe modes of recording the Settlement is adopted, I think that the cultivators ought not to have the full rights of a Survey occupant, but that something of these should be reserved as an acknowledgment of the Mallek's right as a superior holder. The Malleks, for instance, might be permitted to make improvements in their estates, and to raise the Survey rates in a fixed proportion to remunerate themselves for such improvements (retaining of course the whole of the increase, ) and the cultivator might be forbidden to sell or mortgage his holding without the consent of the Mallek, as is I believe to be the rule in." khoti" villages. Under the other mode, no rule of this kind will be called for, and looking at the crrcumstances of these villages generally, it would I think be better to adopt a plan of settlement which will not render such a rule necessary.
78. It will be necessary to lay down a rule for disbursing the wajeh, as the periods

Instalments of wajeh, of the present instalments are complaned ot. Certan wajehli bichoti, lands are cultivated by Malleks themselves, who pay the full bighoti, receiving back their wajeh. Hitherto the practice has been for these Malleks not to pay the last instalment of revenue due at the end of June, and when. the accounts were made up, and the time came for the distribution of the wajeh, they' were credited with the last instalment of revenue, a corresponding deduction being made from their wajeh; now, however, the orders are to disburse all payments entered in the "Pet Khate Wahi" at intervals of three months, the last payment falling in August. The cultivating Malleks complained so much of having to borrow money for the month or six weeks between their paying the last instalment of revenne and receiving the last instalment of wajeh, that the Collector ordered the last payment of wajeh for 1863-64 to be made, as a special case, in July.
79. As wajeh is only a share of the revenue collected by Government on behalf of the Malleks, I think it will be better to arrange its instalments with reference to the instalments of revenue. The instalments I should recommend for the latter are-

January 10th, 4 annas. March 1 ste 8 annas. April 10th, 4 annas.
The instalments of wajeh might then be paid a fortnight later in the same proportions yiz.:-

January 25th, 4 annas. March 15th, 8 annas. April 25th, 4 annas.
80. The alienated lands in the 26 villages under report. amount to bighas 6,876 Alienated lands. assoessed at Rs. 24, 084 and paying quit-rent Rs. 758.
By the survey they amount to acres $5,41^{\circ} 5$, which at the rates proposed will be assessed at about Rs. 16,065. But they are of two classes.

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1st. In Captain Robertson's original settlement, it was agreed that the Malleks should Held by Mollekg columns 59 continue to hold free of assessment the lands they were then to 63 vernacular statement marked D. cultivating. In Padal and its subsidiary hamlets the area of this land was specified as bighas 764, it is now bighas 732.
In the other villages the area was not originally specified, so that it would not be easy to find out whether it has increased or decreased. The land thas held now amounts altogether to bighas 3,492 , assessed at Rs. 14,641, and by the Survey measurement to acres 1,693 , which will be assessed at about Rs. 5,370 , and is entered under the head of alienated land as Malleks' narku. This land should nów I think be entered as alienated in the names of the present holders. But it appears to me, that according to the original agreement, it was to be held free of assessment only as long as it was cultivated by the Malleks themselves, which it now generally, but not always, is. A quit-rent of 2 annas in the rupee wuald seem to be too cheap a rate to purchase an absolate proprietary title in this land, and I would therefore recommend that'sanads under the Summary Settlement be offered at the rate of 4 amnas in the rupeo.

2nd. The remainder of the alienated land is merely ordinary passaita, \&c., and the Summary Settlement under Bombay Act VII of 1863 should
Held by other persons. be applied to it, fluctuating quit-rents being connected in the usual manner.
81. I now come to the difficult subject of cantheli lands. I believe that the mode in santheli lands, columns 39 which kothli sanths in khalsa villages are now treated by to 68 of Vernacular statement Mr. Percival is as follows:-An average, for a certain number marked D. of years, of the actual receipts of each holder is taken, a deduction of 2 annas in the rupee as an equivalent to the Summary Settlement quit-rent upon land is made from this average, and the balance is, at the option of the holder, either redeemed by single payment once for all, or continued as a fixed cash allowance paid annually, without reference to the cultivation of the land in lien of which the santh was originally fixed.
82. There is, I think, no reason why the same mode of Settlement should not be applied in the Malleki villages, and I would therefore recommend its adoption. It would I suppose be curried out by Mr. Percival. By this plan the necessity of entering the names of santh holders as owners in the khardo (which under the following plan must be done) will be avoided, and I therefore hope that it may be adopted.
83. If, however, this course is disapproved of, I should recommend a settlement similar to that which I have proposed for wajeh. It would appear that in the 8* villages in which sanths are paid according to the agreement of 1819 , the terms ought to be more favourable to the santh holders than in the other 16 $\dagger$ villages in which the sanths are paid under the agreement of 1823. This, however, is not the case. The amount of santh at present assessed in the 16 villages is Rs. 8,898 , and of the Government share Rs. 14,642, showing a proportion of annas $B$ for santh and annas 10 to Government, while in the 8 villages the sanths amount to Rs. 4,257 and the Government share to Rs. 7,310 , showing a proportion of annas $5-10$ santh and 10-2 to Government. I would therefore, in all villages, divide the Survey assessment of all occupied santheli land in the proportion of annas 6 to the santh holder and annas 10 to Government, as the total assessment of santheli lands will be reduced at the rates I have recommended, the total amount of santh will be thus lowered about R.s. 1,966, which may be taken as a set-off against the reduction of 2 annas in the rupee for the Summary Settlement, which would be made under the other plax of settlement recommended above. The financial results will be nearly as follow :-

| Present System. |  |  | Proposed Settlement. |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Santh. | Share of Govt. | Total Assesement. | Commuted Santh, | Share of Govt. | Total Assessment. |
| 13,155 | 21,952 | 35,106 | 11,189 | $18,656$. | $29,845$. |

84. I have framed the vernacular statement marked $\mathbf{D}$ in accordance with the last mode of settlement. As directed by Mr. Ellis, I have shown the kothli sanths which have been redeemed by the Malleks from the mortgagees and which are consequently now received by Malleks, separately from those which are held by other persons. There is, however, no reason for not treating these two classes of sanths in the same way. In the Padal sanad, it is stipulated that if Malleks redeem mortgaged lands, they shall receive the santh upon these, not the wajeh. If it is fair, therefore, to make a deduction from ordinary, sanths as an equivalent for the Summary Settlement quit-rent, it is equally fair to do so wheri the sanths are received by Malleks.


* Including Wassu. Vide paragraph 24.
t There is no santheli land in the two bhags of Myhi-i-tadi (inde paragreph 40).

86. It only remains to consider the settlement of the village at Rojwa. I was about 50. Government and the Bábi, in the same proportions as in the 19 Malleki villages under the settlement of 1823, viz. annas 7 to the Bábi and annas 9 to Government, and that if he objected to this settlement, he should be offered the same terms in Wardla and Porda, the existing arrangements in which would seem to be unduly rute paragraphs 46, 47, and unfavourable to him. Since beginning this report, however, note to paragraph 66 . I have heard that an arrangement is about to be made in the Political Department, by which the Bábi will resiga his share in the revenues of Rjowa (and I suppose in those of Wardla and Porda also) in exchange for a reduction of his tribue. If this is so, I suppose that I shall only be required to introduce the Survey Settlement in Rajwa.
87. There is, however, one point upon which a decision is required, that of the so-called So-called Santheli lands in santheli lands, which amount to acres 742, and at the rates Rajwa, vude paragraph 50 . proposed, will be assessed at about Rs. 1,687. It is absolutely irregular cash or grain wajeh necessary to put a stop to the present practice of levying an with the present holders; probably the best plan would be for Mr. Percival to arrange with them the rate at which their existing right shall be converted into a kothli santh, which should then be treated in the ordinary manner. If they object to this mode of settlement, the assessment of each occupied field might be shared between them and Government in the same way as I have proposed for the Malleks' wajeh. Until I obtain from them some information regarding the average amount of their receipts, I cannot state exactly what the proportion should be; but from what I hear, I should think a share of 4 annas in the rupee would be ample compensation for the loss of their present profits, and I have consequently entered that proportion in the vernacular statement marked D.. The results would then be as under:-

| Present.System. |  | Proposed System, |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Present Góvernment Assessment. | Share of holders. | Share of Holders. | Shäre of Govern. ment | Total Assessment, |
| 1,053 | Unknown. | 422 | 1,265 | 1,687 |

88. The importance and intricacy of the subject must be my excuse for the length of this reports

I have the honour to be, Sir,<br>Your most obedient Servant,<br>W. G. PEDDER; Survey Settlement Officer in Gujarát.

## P.S.-I find that I have omitted two points regarding the: Malleki villages.

1st. I hope I may be authorized to give the Malleks a sanad or rather firman from Government, guaranteeing the terms on which they are to hold for the future.

2nd. When the Survey Settlement is introduced into a khálsa village, the amount by which his khata under the new system exceeds that under the old, is for that year remitted to each occupant. To do this in the Malteki villages would cause a loss of wajeh to the Malleks, and I therefore recommend that actual collections be made this year, and the wajeh paid according to the present system, the caltivators being merely informed what their khátás would amount to according to the Survey, and that the new settlement be enforced only from next year.

> W. G. $\cdot$ PEDDER,
> Survey Settlement Officer.

Forwarded for the orders of the. Revenue Commissioner, $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{t}} \mathrm{D}_{\mathrm{\prime}}$; throngh. the Acting Collector of Kaira.
C. J. PRESCOTT, Captain,

Superintendent of Survey.

The following are the accompaniments to this report:-
A. Map. The maximum dry crop rates proposed are written under the name of each rillage, and the bordering khalsa villages of the district, with their maximum dry crop rates, are also-given.
B. Diagram and accompaniment.
C. Vernacular statement containing details of the proposed assessment of all Government

Iands, wajehli and santheli.
D. Vernacular statement containing full details of the proposed Settlement.

> W. G. PEDDER, Survey Settlement Officer.

No. 361 of 1865.
From .
Captaim C. J. PRESCOTT,
Superintendent, Revenne Survey and Assessment, Gujarat ;
To
A. A. BORRADAILE, Esquire,

Acting Collector of Kaira,
Superintendent's Office, Surat, October 18th, 1865.

## Sir,

In November last Mr. Pedder proposed revised rates of assessment for the Malleki villages of your collectorate, which are situated on the north-east portion of the Thásra Tánka.
4. Mr. Pedder's Report was submitted by me to the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., through your predecessor, and the rates thereiu having been

Report on the Mallekı village No. 24 of 19 th November 1864.

- Revenue Commissioner, N.D., to the Collector of Kaira, No. 881 of 2lat March 1865. approved,* were introduced last season by Messrs. Pedder and Trevor, and I have now the honour of forwarding vernacular statements containing the figures showing the fiuancial result of the settlements.

3. Mr. Pedder in his report has entered so very fully into the history and circumstances of the Malleks, and has shown so clearly and suffMr. Pedder's report, paragraphs $\begin{aligned} & \text { stances of the Malleks, and has shown so clearly and su } \\ & \text { ciently }\end{aligned}$ 53 to 60 . several classes which cause a range in his maximum dry crop from Rs. 4-12 in the best to Rs. 1-12 in the worst villages, that it seems unnecessary for me to trouble you with any further remarks on the subject.
4. I shall therefore merely confine myself to the general result of the settlements which $I$ am glad to say was introduced with the full consent and approval of the Malleks, and has given satisfaction both to the Malleks and their tenanus.
5. According to the old system the entire area under cultivation amounted to acres 24,272-22 assessed as Rs. 75,416-2-6.

According to the new system the assessment on the same area amounted to Rs. 69,008-3-0 as under :-

|  | Area. | Assessment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A. g. | Rs. |
|  | 18,095 6 | 45,344 |
|  | 5,724 21 | 21,604 |
|  | 45135 | 1,257 1 |
|  | ...... |  |
|  | 24,272 22 | 69,008 |

But to this must be added the waste arable land included in Revenue Survey Numbers,
which is shown in the following table:-

| $\text { 总葛 }\left\{\begin{array}{l} \text { Dry-crop } \\ \text { Rice ... } \\ \text { Bagáyat } \\ \text { Kasar ... } \end{array}\right.$ |  | Area. | Assessment. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\cdots$ | A. g. | Rs. a. |
|  |  | 5,591 14 | 9,898 0 |
|  |  | 1,144 37 | 4,143 15 |
|  |  | 2260 | 51814 |
|  |  | 6,962 11 | 14,616 12 |

So that the total occupied area is acres $31,234-33$, assessed at Rs. 83,624-15. The assessment on culturable waste land is as follows :-


The following table shows the area and asséssment at one view:-

| Description, | Cultivated, |  | Waste included in Survey Numbers. |  | Entirely Waste. |  | Total. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Area, | Assess-- ment. | Area. | Assessment. | Area. | Assessment. | Area. | Assessment. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Dry-crop <br> Rice ... <br> Bagayat <br> Kasar .,. | A. g. 18,095 6 5,724 21 45235 | Rs. a. 45,344 21,604 7 1,257 13 80110 | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { A. } & \text { g. } \\ \text { 5,591 } & 14 \\ 1,144 & 37 \\ 226 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Rs. } & \text { a } \\ 9,898 & 0 \\ 41,931 & 5 \\ 518 & 14 \\ 5 & 15\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}\text { A. } \\ 10,901 \\ \hline 18 \\ 613 \\ 35 \\ 196 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rr}\text { Rg, } & \text { at } \\ 15.866 & 5 \\ 2,359 & 1 \\ 407 & 14 \\ 28 & 0\end{array}$ | 34,588 7 <br> 7,483 13 <br> 87437 | $\begin{array}{rl} \text { Rs. } & \text { a }_{6} \\ 71,108 & 10 \\ 28,157 & 7 \\ 2,184 & 9 \\ 835 & 9 \end{array}$ |
|  | 24,272 22 | 69,008 3 | 6,962 11 | 14,616 12 | 117,112 4 | 18,661 4 | 42,946 17 | 1,02,286 3 |

6. The effect of the Survey has therefore been to lower the assessment on actual cultivation from Rs. 75,416-2-6 to Rs. 69,008-3-0-Rs. 6,407-15-6, which is 91 per cent.
7. But looking at the assessment of Peta Pudtur, which is included in the Survey Numbers, and which must be taken up with the cultivation, the Survey has raised the assessment from Rs. 75,416-2-6 to Rs. 83,624-15-3-Rs. 8,208-12-6, which is $10 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent.
Reports, paragraph 60.
8. Now, considering that out of a culturable area of acres 42,946 gunthas 17 , only 24,272 acres and 22 gunthas are cultivated, the balance, ( 6,962 agres 11 gunthas $+11,711$ acres 24 gunthas) being waste entirely, or waste included in Revenue Survey Numbers, and considering also that the Malleki villages are thickly popnlated, there is pretty strong evidence that they were unduly and unequntably assessed during the period of low prices; and the present assessment, although it causes a slight rise, is sufficiently moderate in these good times to admit of the people accumulating a little capital.
9. A comparison of the abstract of the real figures given on the other side, with the estimate submitted by Mr. Pedder, shows that the letter was framed às accurately as it possibly could be from the data at his disposal, for it must be borne in mind that the "area shown as cultivated in the Registers" is a mere estimate. If the greater portion of a Number is cultivated, the entire Number is shown as cultivated, and if the lesser portion is cultivated, then the entire Number is shown as waste-the real area cultivated in the year of Settlement not being forthcoming till after the measurement of the interior shares of Survey Numbers (Hissávar Mápni) has been completed.



10. In the Table No. I., the maximum rates, and the results of the assessment upon all Government lands, "wajehli" and "santheli," are given.
Tide Mr. Pedder's report, paraTrade
graph 57.

Table No. II. shows the "wajeh" and Government share both according to the old and revised system, and the proportion in annas due to the The following abstracts may be useful:-

Abstract of Table No.I. (New System.)


| Abstract of Table No. II. (New System.) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  | Wajehmi. |  | Government Share. |  |
|  |  |  |  | On land cultivated. | On total area. | On land cultivated. | On total area. |
|  |  |  |  | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Estimate | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | 24,972 | 35,640 | 27,444 | 40,087 |
| Actaal | ... | ** | ..- | 26,054 | 33,670 | 28,982 | 37,962 |
| Old system | $\cdots$ | ... | ... | 22,467 | 35,883 | 21,855 | 31,592 |

12. It will be observed that the reduction of about 7 per cent. in the real kamal,* as Tude Mr. Pedder's Report, compared with the estimate, is caused by lowering for distance graph 69, and see paragraph 58. all lands more than half a mile from the village site, at the
13. In "Waughroli," instead of reducing for distance, all lands within $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile of the hamlets in which the cultivators reside have been raised two annas in the rupee, and beyond that the usual reduction was made. The reason was, that the cultivators being for the most part Kunbis, and well to do, resided in hamlets close to their land, and had greater facilities for cultivating and manuring it than cultivators living together in villages generally have.
14. During the Settlement, Mr, Pedderfound it advisable to increase the maximum rate Revenue Commssioner, N. D., to of Pali from Rs. 4-4 to Rs. 4-8. This he was empowered to Collector of Karra, No. 881 of 21 st do, when necessary, under the Revenue Commissioner's letter March 1865 , paragraph 21 . sanctioning the introduction of the revised system.
15. I am not aware that I need say any more : in fact, Mr. Pedder's exhaustive report leaves no point unnoticed. Everything connected with the jamábandi was got through last season, with the exception of the settlement of the claims of the Babi of Balásinor to wajeh in the village of Rajwa.
16. Mr. Pedder has given the full history of this village in paragraph 48 of his report and it is only necessary for me to say that the Babi has now agreed to the settlement, and accepts a seven-anna share of the revenue, the village expenses being defrayed out of the Government share. The Babi has made the following requests regarding the future administration of this village, which I am of opinion may be complied with. In fact these arrangements have been sanctioned in the case of the Maleks by the Revenue Commissioner's letter No. 881 of the 21 st of March 1865, paragraph 13.

1st. He desires the privilege of nominating a taláti, subject to the confirmation of the Collector.
2nd. That his kárbhári should be allowed to sign the annual jamábandi papers, and associated with the Government kárkún in making the annual inspection of fields,
17. As all the papers regarding the Settlement of Rojwa are prepared, the rayats may now be rade acquainted with their parport and instructed in the new system, and the Survey rates may be levied this year. Due instructions on this subject, have been issued to the
Máglatdar of Thásra.

# I have the honour to be, <br> Sir, <br> Your most obedient Servant, C. J. PRESCOTT, Coptain, Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Guzarat. 

## To. 959 or 1885.

Kaira Collector's Office, Yth November 1865.
-Together with 3 Guzerati Statements,
2. The Acting Collector sees no objection to the Bábi of Balasiritor's request in paragraph 16 being acceded to.

> A. A. BORRADAILE, Acting Collector.

No. 4002.
Revenue Şurvey and Assessment.

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\text { Bombay Castle, 2nd. November } 1866 .
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Letter from the Revenue Commissioncr, N. D., No, 2741, dated 27th June 1866-Subinithing, with his observations and opinion, a correspondence connected with proposals made (in 1864) by Mr. Pedden, Survey Settlement Officer, Gujarat, for the introduction of the Survey system of assessment into certain villages in the Kaira Collectorate, known as "Malleki,", and for the settlement of the flactuating shares of revenue received in thesé villages by different persons as "wajeh" or " santh."

Resolution.-These papers show that the very difficult questions involved in the settlement of the Malleki villages have been dealt with fost satisfactorily by Mr. Pedder and Major Prescott. The Governor in Council fully approwes of their proceedings, and it only remains to dispose of the two points on which difficulty has occurred, and which are discussed by the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., in his transmitting letter.o.
2. The first is as to the imposition of the Summary Settlement on the "Ghurkhed," or lands retained free of assessment by the Malleks. The Governor in Council quite.concurs in Mr. Rogers' views, and directs that these lands be considered as adjudicated, and continued free of assessment, as provided in Captain Robertson's sanads.
3. The second difficulty arises from the Malleks of some of the villages finding the receipts reduced by the operation of the revised assessment. As stated by Mr. Rogers (paragraph 6), this loss will be reduced by the Malleks. being allowed in future a share in all miscellaneous produce of the land as well as in the ordinary land revenue. Still there will remain a loss in some of the villages which will not be made up even if all the lands be brought into cultivation.
-4. It would not be expedient to follow the course suggested in the Revenue Commissioner's paragraph 7, and allow the Malleks who lose by the new settlement a larger proportion than thooe who gain, or to make a deduction from the proceeds of those who are the largest gainers. Such a courso would certainly produce dissatisfdetion.
5. The only course open appears to be to revise the maximam rates of the villages in which there is any considerable loss, and ascertain whether an increase is possible. There are 7 villages in which there is some present loss, but in 4 of these the kamal according to the new assessment is considerably in excess of the Malleks' receipts under the old systems, and as the land is brought into cultivation their receipts will be increased. Nothing is required in these cases:
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6. Of the other villages, the village of Kupi is the most reduced, and the Malleks complain, with some reason, as they will lose Rs. 500 out of Rs. 1,800 . But the maximum rate of this village is fixed at Rs. 3-12-0, which is very low; and as the neighbouring village of Merpur is at Rs. $4-8-0$, there appears to be no reason why Kuni should not bear a maximum of Rs. 4-4-0 at least. It should be raised accordingly, and the loss will then amount to only about Rs. 60 on the kumal. In the same way Malwan is fixed at Rs. 4-8-0, but it may be raised to Rs. 4-12-0, the same as the next village. of Ungari Parya, and the kumal will then show a gain to the Malleks jnstead of a loss. The remaining village Ungari Parya is already at the maximum rate, and could not be raised unless kasba Ungari were also raised to Rs. 5 . The Governor in Council will not disturb the general maximum of the whole group as fixed by the Superintendent and Revenue Commissioner, and therefore the Malleks must lose on this one village, but the loss is less than Rs. 100 on the kumal, and considering the number of villages in which the Malleks gain, this is not of much account.
7. The Collecfor should express to the Babi of Balasinor the satisfaction of. GovernParagraph 8 of Revenue Commis- ment at his having acceded to the settlement which is now soner. - sanctioned for Rajwa with the privileges the Babi asks for.
8. The Revenue Commissioner's suggestions about the Sajnads are approved.

## F. S. CHAPMAN, Chief Secretary to Government.

To
The Revenue Commissioner, N. D.,
The Revenue Commissioner, S. D.,
Lieut.-Col. W. C. Anderson, Survey and Settlement Commissioner,
Major J. T. Francis, Survey and Settlement Commissioner.
$\qquad$
No. 1644.

## Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of Bombay in the Revenue Degartment, dated 29th April 186\%.

Read the following Despatch. from Sir Stafford H. Northcote, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor: in Council, Bombay, No. 17, dated 23rd March 1867.*
I have considered in Council the Proceedings of your Excellency in Counfcil transmitted in your Secretary's. letter No. $\uparrow 85$, dated December 28th, 1866 , on the introduction of the Revenue Survey and Assessment into the villages known as the Malleki villages of the Thásra Táluka in the Kaira Collectorate.
2. I agree with the opinion of your Excellency in Council that the full report by Mr. Pedder, and Major Prescott's review of it, show that the great difficulties which stood in the way of a fair settlement of these villages have been most satisfactorily dealt with by those officers. I approve also the decision which you passed on the two points which Mr. Rogers submitted to yqu.
3. I shall be glad to learn that the Malleks have actually aecepted the Sanads which are to confirm this settlement, and which, as Mr. Rogers remarks, will be the ultimate proof that every difficulty is disposed of, and that the terms will not be disputed in future.

Resolvtion.- Copies to be communicated to the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., and Lieutenant-Colonel Francis, with reference to Government Resolution No. 4002, dated 2nd November 1866; and Mr. Rogers to be requested to report on paragraph 3.

Ordered that copies of the above be forwarded to-
The Revenue Commissioner, N. D.
Lieut.-Col. J. T. Francis, Survey ànd Settlement Commissioner.

. H: E. JACOMB,<br>Chief Secretary to Government. .

No. 166 of 1864.

## From

> CaPTAIN C. J. PRESCOTT,
> Sụperintendẹ́t, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarát

To.

- J. W. HaDOW, Esquire,

Collector of Kaira,
Camp Kapadvanj,23rd March 1864.

## Sitr,

I have the honour of forwarding herewith vernacular. statements showing the revised With two skeleton maps, dagrams, rates of assessment, on the principles of the Revenue With two skeleton maps, diagrams, Survey, which it is proposed to introduce this season in
and their accompanying statements. the Kapadvanj and Thásra Parganas of your Collectorate.
2. The detailed statements are submitted in the vernaeular, in order to sa,ve unnecessary time and expense in preparing them in English, as they are not permanent records, but merely estimates to enable you and the Revenue Commissioner to judge of the suitability of the rates proposed. When the sottlements have been completed, English detarled statements will be printed and submitted to you, showing the exact effects of the rates . proposed and accompanied by a report, in which I hope to state more fally than is now requisite my reasons for fixing the rates of each village.

3: During your absence-from the Collectorate on leave, I consulted the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., regarding the proposed rates for Kapadvanj, and he approved of their experimental introduction, provided you should not object to them. They are consequently now being calculated. The Thásra rates have yet to receive Mr. Ellis' sanction, and I beg the favour of your forwarding them to him as soon as you conveniently. can, and of suggesting to him the advisability of according his sanction to the rates, either as now proposed or modified as you and he may see fit, by telegraph, in order to save as much time as possible.:
4. Kapadyanj. $\rightarrow$ The following are the principal considerations which have determined me to fix the rates of assessment in this district at a pitch which, as you will see from the accompanying statement, will raise the revenue of cultivated Government lands about 20 per cent.
 increased from acres 25,623 in $1862-63$, being an increase of 71 per cent in - twenty years.
b. The collections from cultiyated Government lands have risen from Rs. 52,267 in A.D. $1843-44$ to Rs. 75,342 in 1862-63, being an increase of 44 per cent in -twenty years.
... c. During this period remissions have averaged only Re. $0-6-11$-per cent of the gross rental.

- .d. Population (which in the Government villages, now averages 290 to the square mile) has in ten years increased from 53,320 souls (according to the Mámlatdar's census returns of A.D. 1851-52) to 61;780, or 16 per cent.
e. The existing bigoti rates of assessment were fixed between the years 1827 and 1839 . From the old Survey records, prepared in 1836, I find that the price of bajjri, the staple grain of the district, was about kacha matands 2.35 the rupee and a few years later it fell as low as kacha maunds 4.0 the rupee. The price of this grain in the Kapadvanj bazar according to the "Government Gazette of the 10th instant, is 14 kacha seers the rupee, $i$. e. the price has increased more than tenfold.
f. Although no one can be more opposed than I am to over-assessment, yet experience has convinced me that too low a rate of assessment, especially in a district which, like Kapadvanj, is chiefly inhabited
by Kolis and other tribes of a careless and unthrifty character, is apt to defeat its otwn object, and that the neceasity of having to provide a moderate rent tends to improve cultivation, to earn a greater amount of agricultural produce to be grown, and to make the people more industrious.
$\dot{g}$. The facilities for disposing of the surplus agricultural product of this district will shortly be greatly increased, by the new railway feeder, now under con struction' from Kapadvanj kasba, through Mabudha, to the railway station at Nadiad.

5. According to the accompanying vernacular statement, you will see that the rental of cultivated Government lands according to the proposed rates is Rs. 95,894 against Rs. 75,344 collections in 1862-63, or an increase of 26 per cert. The former sum is, however, somewhat larger than the real Survey revenue will be, on account of the usual reduction which you are aware is made in working out the xates of fields distant from the villages, and which reduction will of course lower the average rates given in the statement. The real increase in the pitch of assessment will therefore be, as I have above stated, about 20 or 21 per cent, and I am sure that on considering the reasons detailed- in the last paragraph you will agree with me in thinking this increase not by any means too great.
6. I will now proceed to consider the grouping of the 68 Government villages of the district, according to their dry-crop rates, and the maximum rate proposed for each. And on this subject I beg to make one preliminary observation, equally applicable to this district and to Thásra.
7. After considerable discussion, last year, regarding the rates of assessment for the districts.of Mehmadabad and Mahudha, I think that Mr. Ellis and yourself are fully agreed with me and Mr. Pedder, that in your Collectorate it is absolutely necessary to make a dufference in the maximum rates of assessment between. villages similar in respect of climate and position with regard to markets, but in one of which nearly the whole of the arable land is under cultivation, the population large, and the inhabitants are Kunbis or Pátidárs, skilful cultivatorss and rich in money and in agricultural stock, while in the other the proportion of waste land is excessive and the population scanty, and composed of poor, idle, thriftless, unskilful Kolis. This principle, for reasons with which no one is better acquainted than yourself, I have considered it necessary to apply freely in both the districts under report. It will account for the considerable difference which you will notice between the proposed maximum rates of neighbouring villages; and I feel convinced that yau will agree with me that had this difference not been made, either Government revenue would have been unnecessarily sacrificed in prosperous villages ${ }_{z}$ or the progress of poor ones would have been checked by the imposition of rates, not indeed heavier than the people could pay, but too heavy to leave that desirable margin of profit to which we must look for the accumulation of agricultural capital.
-8. The villages of Kapadvanj have been grouped as follows:

| Class. | $\mathrm{V}_{11 l}{ }^{\text {ages, }}$ | $\underset{\text { dry-crop rate. }}{\text { Maximum }}$ | Average dry crop rate. | Average of 10 years sollectrons. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Collections } \\ \text { Rortions } \\ 1862-63 . \end{gathered}$ | 绝stimated realizations at proposed rates. | Estimated Survey Kamail. Kamál. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{array}{lll} \text { I ... } & \text {... } & . . \\ . & & \\ \text { - Total } & . . \end{array}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 38 \\ & 34 \\ & 3.4 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{lll} \text { s. } & \text { ar } & \text { p } \\ 2 & 1 & 10 \\ -2 & 2 & 5 \\ 1 & 14 & 9 \end{array}$ | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rig |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \\ & 5 \\ & 3 \end{aligned}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{r}3,833 \\ 13,496 \\ .5,637 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}4,297 \\ 15,297 \\ 6,648 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 4,887 \\ \mathbf{i 8 , 9 9 3} \\ -\quad 5,949 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6,706 \\ 19,824 \\ 7,978 \end{array}$ |
|  | 9 |  | $\begin{array}{rrr} 1 & 11 & 5 \\ 1 & 9 & 6 \\ 1 & 7 & 1 \\ & \\ & & \text { Total } \end{array}$ | 22,966 | -26,199 ${ }^{\circ}$ | 29,829 | 34,508 |
| II . .... ... $\{$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \\ & 17 \bullet \\ & 13 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \cdot 12 \\ & 28 \\ & 24 \end{aligned}$ |  | 15,501 12,070 6,170 | 18,599 14,048 6,701 | $\begin{aligned} & 21,192 \\ & 18,747 \\ & 10,836 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 28,143 \\ & 25,079 \\ & 12,637 \end{aligned}$ |
| Total | 46 |  |  | 33,741 | 39,348 | 50,775 | 65,850 |
|  | 5 7 1 | $\begin{aligned} & 20 \\ & 112 \\ & 1.8 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr} 1 & 4 & 9 \\ 1 & 0 & 8 \\ 0 & 12 & 8 \end{array}$ | 4,436 3,255 342 | $\begin{array}{r} 5,045 \\ 4,242 \\ , 242 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r}8,488 \\ \hline 6,235 \\ 567 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 10,200 \\ 10,875 \\ 2,595 \end{array}$ |
|  | $13$ |  | Grand Total ... | 8,033 | 9,795 | 15,290 | 23,670 |
|  | 68 |  |  | 64,740 | 75,342 | 95,894 | 1,24,028 |

9. The first class comprises, 1st, the Kasba town, which from its containing an excellent market, and, a large and wealthy trading population, ought certainly to pay the heaviest ŗates; 2nd, the large and prosperous villages of Antroli,. Bhátera, Torna, 'Kuthlala and

Ambaliala, alt situated to the southward of the Kasba, and either on or near the new road to Nadiad; and 3rd, the fine villages of Chapri, Surali, and Chikhlod, which are, however, not have consequently been rated 4 annas lower, markets as the villages just named, and which villages situated in the west of the district, on the znd class comprises, list, a large group of far distant (about 12 to 18 miles) from the railway stations river Vátrak, and not very and from the city of Ahmedabad. A difference of annas 8 has Mehmadabad and Barejdi rates of these villages according to their comparatite distas been made in the maximum the villages in the vicinity of and to the southward of the $\mathrm{K}^{2}$.ances from these places; 2nd, villages that the differences of rate explained in paragraph 7 above town. It is among these

The 3 rd class comprises the poor and thinly intrabited int prineipally occur to the northward and eastward of the Kasba.
10. I will now proceed to discuss the pit
for the 53 Khalsa villages of Thásra, which, as assessment which I should recommend vernacular statement; will raise the assessment of cultil see from the accompanying 5 per cent.
11. (a) The cultivated area of Government lands has increased from acres 18,498 in A.D. 1843-44 to acres 24,806 in A.D, $1862-63$, being an increase of 34 per cent
in twenty years.
(b) The collections from cultivated Government lands have risen from Rs. 58,211 in 1843-44 to Rs. 71,750 in 1862-63, being an increase of $24 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent in twenty years.
(c) During this period remissions have averaged Re. 0-15-8 per cent of the gross rental.
(a) The population of the 53 Khálsa villages of Thásra is about 46,500 or 350 to the square mile. I regret that I cannot now give the exact figures or rate of increase. They will be given in my report on the effect of the survey rates.
12. A comparison of these figures with those given in my 4th paragraph above will show you that.the assessment of Thásra has been comparatively heavier than that of Kapadvanj, and its rate of progress consequently shown. For this reason I consider that the increase in assessments in Thásra ought not to do so just as in Kapadvanj, and the following considerations will, I think, convince you that the proposed pitch is nearly correct :

1st: The most heavily assessed among the Khálsa villages of Thásra ought obviously to be Umreth Kasba, a large market town, not far from the Anand railway station, with which it will soon be connected by a railway feeder now being constructed. In its position with regard to the railway and to the great markets, and in wealth, and population, Umreth may fairly be considered on a level with the Mehmadabad towns of Mátar and Kaira, and I have consequently, adopted for it, and for the best villages near it, the same maximum dry-crop rates as have been already sanctioned for the 1st and 2nd class villages of Mehmadabad, viz. Rs. 4-12 and Rs. 4-8. These rates, being the highest, of course regulate the other maximum rates of the district.
2nd. The average of the maximum dry-crop rates I have proposed for Kapadvanj is Rs. 2-7-7. That of the maximum dry-crop rates I propose for Thasra is Rs. 3-6-8, and the difference being Re. 0-15-1 or very nearly one-third higher, is in my opinion quite as much as can fairly be imposed upon. Thasra in consideration of its advantages over Kapadvanj in position, density of population, and in possessing cultivators generally more thrifty and skilful than those of Kapadvanj.
13. From the accompanying vernacular statement you will see that the estimated rental, at the proposed rates of cultivated Government lands, is Rs. 79,866 against Rs. 71,750 in $1862-63$, being an increase of $11 \cdot 30$ per cent. For the reason stated in paragraph 5 above, the former figures are somewhat higher than the real Survey Revenue will be, and the actual increase in the pitch of assessment will be about 5 or 6 per cent.
14. I will now proceed to consider the grouping of the 53 Khálsa villages of Thásra according to their maximum dry-crop rates, and the maximum rate proposed for each :

| Class, | Villages | $\underset{\substack{\text { Maximum } \\ \text { dry-crop } \\ \text { rate, }}}{ }$ | Average dry-crop rate. | Average of 10 years ${ }^{2}$ collections, | $\begin{gathered} \text { Collections } \\ \text { for } \\ 1862,63 . \end{gathered}$ | Estumated realzations at proposed rates. | Estimated Survey Kamál. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I $\{$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & 4 \cdot 12 \\ & 4 \cdot 8 \\ & 4 \cdot 4 \\ & 4 \cdot 0 \end{aligned}$ | Rs. a. p. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. | Rs. |
|  | 1 |  | 3142 | 10,425 | 10,586 | 8,770 | 9,602 |
|  | 6 |  | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 7 & 3\end{array}$ | 9,146 | 9,445 | 9,644 | 11,866 |
|  | 6 |  | $\begin{array}{llll}3 & 0 & 2\end{array}$ | 7,032 | 7,696 | 8,023 | 8,645 |
|  | 6 |  | 2141 | 8,756 | 9,039 | 9,696 | 10,195 |
| Total | 19 |  | Total ... | 35,359 | 36,767 | 36,133 | 40,308 |


15. The first of these classes comprises the Kasba towns of Umreth and Thásra, and the group of villages lying between these and the large town of Dakor, the rates varying chiefly according to proximity to one or other of these markets, or to the railway station of Anand.

The 2 nd class comprises those villages which lie between the last group and the river Mahi, with a few to the northward and eastward of Thásra Kasba, and most of which are separated from the Kasba by the river Shedhi.

The 3rd class comprises the poor mal villages to the north of the district. One village, Rámpur-Chandisar, with a rate of Rs. $2-4$, is very near Thásra and Dakor, but it is a wretchedly poor village in the middle of mál.
17. You may perhaps think that the increase of assessment in the last group of all is very great. But I beg to observe that it is impossible to impose a lower average rate than annas 13.6 per acre, or less than annas 8 per bigha, and that the real increase will not be so great as appears on account of the reduction for distance from the villages, and of there being a quantity of "peta padtar" land shown in the registers in cultivated numbers.
18. Rice water rates both in Thásra and Kapadvanj have, as a general rule, been calculated at maximum of Re. 1-0-0 less than the maximum dry-crop rate of the village. This was the pitch adopted in Mahudha, and it has been found to work very well.
19. You will see from the statements that there is but little garden cultivation under permanent wells in either of the districts under report, and in most of the villages the wells are very deep and the water-supply scanty. I have consequently been very careful to impose only a light "bágáyat kasar," considering it of more importance to encourage garden cultivation by light rates, than to raise a trifle more revenue. The highest scale of kasar imposed has been in Umreth Kasba, where the dry-crop rate and "kasure" combined will be about equivalent to a maximum bágayat rate of Rs. 8-0-0 per acre.
20. In Thásra there is a good deal of inrigation from dhekudis in the Shedhi river, and the lands capable of being watered from that river will be assessed at a light permanent water-rate in addition to the dry-crop assessment. Irrigation from the other rivers, the Mahi, the Vatrak, and the Mohar, is so very limited, that I have not thought it worth while to impose permanent water rates, and a light rate will therefore be fixed on each bag used to lift the water.
21. When reporting on the effects of the introduction of the revised rates of assessment in the khálsa villages of Thásra, I intend to submit proposals for the settlement and assessment on survey principles of the villages known as Maleki.
22. Trusting that the above arrangements will meet with your approval, and begging the favour of your sending this letter and statements, together with such remarks as you may deem necessary upon them, to the Revenue Commissioner, Northern Division, with the least possible delay.

I have the honour, \&c.,
(Signed) C. J. PRESCOTT, Captain,
Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarat.

Report No. 166A of 1864, dated 23rd March, from the Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, submitting proposals of the revision of assessment in accordance with the

Vernacular statements, two maps (skeleton)
and two dıagrams with explanatory statements,
hasra,
in original for with accompaniments as per margin in original for the consideration and orders of the
Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

1. The 68 Government villages of the Kapadvanj District into which it is proposed to introduce this season revised rates of assessments are arranged into three classes or groups containing 9,46 , and 13 villages,
2. The maximum and average dry crop rates for the villages in each class are as follows:


The average maximum dry-crop rate is Rs. 2-7-9.
3. The kamal or survey rental for the whole of the cultivable lands is according to the diagram Rs. 1,24,128.
4. The estimated rental of the Government cultivated lands according to the proposed rates amounts to Rs. 95,894 against Rs. 75,344 , the collections in 1862-63 being an increase of about Rs. 26 per cent.
5. The increase on the average collections of ten years is about Rs. 31,152 or 48 per cent.
6. It is, however, explained as regards the rental that the actual survey revenue will be somewhat less than the amount abovementioned, viz., about 20 or 21 per cent, as the rates of some lands which are more or less in unfavourable positions owing to the distances they may be from the village and other causes will be reduced according to the distance scale, the adoption of which for the Mátar (now Mehmadabad) district as a plan for modifying the classification rates when the intrinsic value of a field is affected by extrinsic circumstances such as its position in respect to the village, was approved of by the Revenue Commissioner.
7. The Collector believes that in determining ultimately the value of a field the extrinsic as well as the intrinsic circumstances affecting its value are considered, the former being defined and estimated separately. The position of a field in respect to the village is perhaps one of the most important of the extrinsic elements affecting its value, and the Collector does not understand when the value of a field is so affected why it should not be noted by the classer in his field-work in view to a deduction being made at the time in fixing the actual relative value of the field. The Collector presumes that other external influences are taken into consideration and that the value of fields is not determined solely by the intrinsic value of the soils such as texture, depth, natural situation, \&e.

9. The Parantij district does not differ, the Collector believes, materially from Rapadvanj in respect to soil, climate, general appearance of the country; population, classes to which the cultivators belong, products and husbandry, but the difference in the rates of assessment are, it will be observed, considerable. Rs. 2 to Re. 1 for the former against Ps. 2-7-9 the average maximum for the latter.
10. It may be that in Kapadvanj the varieties of the dry-crop soil have been ascer. tained to be generally of a superior quality to those of Parantij; that more valuable products are grown ; that the cultivators are generally more skilful ; that the climate is more favourable to cultivation, and that the villages are generally in a better condition and more favourably circunstanced as regards markets and facilities of reaching them; but the Collector, who bas had charge of both districts, is not aware of the existence of these differences, as in respect to climate and markets Parantij, he considers, has either the advantage.
11. It will be seen from paragraph 4 , in the last twenty years the cultivation hasex tended from acres 25,454 as calculated from the assessed bighâs to acres 42,623 in 1862-63, an increase of 70 per cent; that the increase of collections is 44 per cent, and that according to the Mámlatdar's census returns of $1851-52$ the population has increased in the last ten years 16 per cent, and that the price of bajifi, which is the staple product of the district, has increased since 1831 more than tenfold.
12. The abdre considerations appear from the explanation giver in this paragraph to have principally influenced the Superintendent in fixing the rates at the pitch above noticed. He notices however, as worthy of consideration, the fact of the construction of the rallway feeder to the Nadiad Station, and also alludes as an argument against fixing too low a rate of assessment to the circumstance of the district being chiefly inhabited by Kolis and other tribes of a carelesi and unthrifty character
13. As regards the latter the Collector doubts whether it would be found in practice that in a district like Kapadvanj, where the cultivators belong chiefly to the Koli and other Mehwási tribes, a higher assessment would tend to improve cultare and make the people more industrious. The principle may be good in theory and might be found to answer in a district where the cultivators generally belong to a different class of people, but the Collector cannot see how it can be held to apply to a dıstrict like Kapadvanj.
14. The condition of the cultivators has in all parts of the Presidency been greatiy improved as is well known by the extraordinary high prices that have everywhere prevailed during the last six or seven years, and the Collector fully admits that this, combined with the probability of a continuance of the present prices, is an element that cannot be lost sight f in the revision of the assessment of a district. It is not, however, a consideration of a durable character, and as an element it appears to the Collector to be as uncertain and as liable to fluctaation as the condition of the cultivators. He is therefore respectfully of pinion that it is wrong in priaciple to attaoh much weight to this consideration in fixing the amount of assessinent to be levied from a district.
15. As regards the grouping of the villages upon which so much depends as regards the future stability and success of the settlement, it will be seen from paragraph 7 that the Superintendent has daly considered the fact of the existence under the system that has bitherto obtained in this and in other districts in the Kaira and Ahmedabad Collectorates of different average rates of assessment in villages similarly circumstanced in respect to climate, soil, and markets, the rates being fonnd to be higher in Kunbi than in Koli and Musalmán villages and has regulated the classifioation accordingly.
16. The attention of the Superintendent was directed in paragraphs 13, 14, and 15 of the Revenue Commissioner's letter above quoted to the necessity of giving sufficient weight to these differences in the rates of assessment. As regards the Mehmadabad District the Collector was under the impression that due allowance had not been made for the difference in the class or caste of people forming the bulk of cultivators in different villages, and the Re, venue Commissioner being also of this opinion, instructed the Superintendent to lawer the rates in 14 villages without removing them from the class in which they had been placed.
17. It was chiefly to those g villages in which the difference was the more marked that the Collector referred in his memo. submitting the proposals for the revision of as sessment when he offered his opinion that the maximum rates were high, and it was an over. sight his omitting to specify the villages. The Collector has all along been of opinion that where such class rates as they may be termed have so long existed, they cannot without great risk of injury be done away with at once and all villages treated the same according to their intrinsic circumstances.
18. The Collector sees nothing to object to in the grouping of the villages as explained in paragraph 9 , and he considers that upon the whole the maximum dry-crop rates are equitable. It is difficult, however, on the information which the Superintendent has supplied in this report to form any decided opinion on the subject, and before pronouncing one the Collector would like to see the effects of the proposed revised. rates. It appears from para graph 6 that the Revenue Commissioner has approved of the experimental introduction of the rates and the Collector beliexes that the settlement is now beng introduced.
19. The 53 Khalsa villages of the Thásra District, into which is also proposed to introduce this season revised rates of assessment, are arranged into three classes or groups containing 10,24 , and 10 villages.
20. The maximum and average dry-crop rates for the villages in each class are as follows:

| 1st Maximom. |  |  | Average. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Rss. ${ }^{2}$. | p. Rs | a. $p$, | Rs. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | p. Rs, a, |  |
| 412 | 0 to 4 | 00 | 314 | 2 to 214 | 6 |
| 312 | 0 to 3 | 00 | 2*8 | 6 to 112 | 2 |
| 212 | 0 to 1 | 80 | 110 | 7 to 013 | 6 |

21. The average maximum dry-crop rate is Rs. 3-6-8, whereas that of the maximum dry-crop rates proposod for Kapadvanj is Rs. 2-7-9, showing a difference of Re. 0-14-11 or nearly one-third higher for Thásra.
22. The estimated annual or survey rental for the whole of the culturable land is according to the diagram Rs. 98,987 .
23. The estimated rental of the Government cultivated lands according to the proposed rates amounts to Rss. 79,886 against Rs. 71,749, the collections in 1862-63 being an fncrease of about 11.30 per cent, but the actual increase in the pitch of assessment when $5.0{ }^{\circ} 6$ per cent.

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& \text { the rates for certain, fields are reduced by the distance scale will, it is explained, be a } \\
& 5 \text { or } 6 \text { per cent. }
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$\because$ 24. It will be seen from paragraph 10 that in the last twenty years the cultivation in this

* Calcollated from the assessed bighás.
district has extended from acres $18,498^{*}$ in A.B. 1823 to 1844 to acres 24,806 in A.D. $1862-63$, being an increase of 34 per. cent, and that the increase of collections is $24 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent, the increase in the population is not given.

25. The Superintendent is of opinion, on a comparison of the above figures with thôse for the Kapadvanj district, that the assessment in Thasra has from its being heavier operated in checking its progress, and the-Collector has no doubt that the difference may be so accounted for in a great measure. The Superintendent goes on to explain that he has allowed for this depressing effect of over-assessment in fixng the pitch of the revised assessment, the increase in which is less than that for Kapadvanj.
26. The Gollector sees nothing to object to in the grouping of the villages under the circumstances explained in paragraph 16, but he doabts whether any increase in the pitch of assessment is called for in reference to permanent considerations. He is, on the contrary, inclued to the opinion that a reduction in the maximum rates might have been made without needlessly sacrificing revenue.
$\therefore$ 27. The Collector is not prepared without further information before him than is contained in the Superintendent's report and in the statements to propose a reduction, ngr is here time now for a discussion of the settlements to be introduced this season. . He would therefore suggest that the experimental introduction of the settlement be sanctioned for this year, and that on the report of the Superintendent of the effects of the settlement the suitability of the rates be further considered.
27. The information furnished by the Superintendent as regardsthe rice and garden lands in Kapadvanj and Thassra and the plans of assessing them is meagre. It is explained in paragraph 18 that the rice water-rates have as a general rule been calculated at a maximum of Re. 1-0-0 less than the maximum dry-crop rate of the villages to which the rice lands beloing; that there is little garden cultivation under permanent wells which, where they are met with, are very deep and the water-supply scanty, and that for this reason he has imposed a slight "kassar" in addition to the dry-crop rate. The lands irrigated by dhekuries in the Sherri river in the Thasra District will, if the proposal be approved, be assessed at a light permanent water-rate in addition to the dry-crop rate.
28. If the Revenue Commissioner approve af the rates proposed for the Thasra District, the Collector would beg to stggest that the Revenue Conamissioner communicate his sanction to their introduction by telegiaph, in order that no further time maay be lost ing proceeding with the calculations.
29. Proposals for the settlement of assessment of the Baragam Maleker villages of Thásra will be submitted hereafter by the, Superintendent.

(Signed) J. WT. HADOW,<br>Collector, Kaira.

15th April 1886.

## No. 545 or. 1864.

## From

Captain C. J. PRESCOTT,
Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Asséssmert, Gujarát;
To
E.P. ROBERTSON, Ese., Acting Collectom of Kaira.

## Sir,

I have the honour of submitting a report on the financial result of the Revenue Survey
Settlement of the 53 Government villages of the Thásra With English map and vernacu-. Setulement of Collectorate, the rates for which were sanction. lar statements in separate case. Táluka of your Collectorate, the rates for 1864 to ed by the Bevenue Commissioner, N. D., in his letter noted in Collector of Kaira.
2. I will briefly describe the topographical position of this taluka, its productions and caprabilities, and give such statistical information-the result of the Survey census-as may assist you in judging of the effect the new settlement is likely to have on the district.
3. Thásra is bounded on the sout by the Nadiád Talnka, on the west by Mahudha and Kapadvanj, on the north by Kapadvanj and the "Balásinor" State, and on the east by the Panch Maháls, from whick it i's separated by the river Myhi

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4. The Government villages are 53 in number, and contain an area of $131 \frac{1}{2}$ square statute miles.
. There are 27 Malleki villages (covering an area of 90 square miles (regarding, the assessment and settlement of which Mr. Pedder has submitted arvery full report). -

The details of the superficial area of the 53 Government villages are as follows :-

| Culturable Area. | Government. | Allenated. | Total. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - | Acres. | Acres. | Acres, |
| Dry-crop | 41,311 | 22,790 | 64,101 |
| Rjee ... | 4,713 1,558 | 3,401 | 8,114 |
| Garder | 1,058 |  |  |
| Total Assessed | 47,582 | 27,080 | 74,662 |
| Unassessed ... | ... | ... | 9,452 |
| Grand Total ... | 47,522 | 27,080 | 84,114 |

6. A detailed statement of the area of the Malleki villages is contained in the repost by'Mr. Pedder, noted in the margin.*
7. The táluka of Thasra is bounded on its eastern side by the river Myhi, and interRivers. sected by two branches of the river Seri, the only other stream of any importance in the neighbourhood.
The Seri, along its whole course through this district, flows between very high banks, and is one of the most difficult and unpleasant rivers to cross in the whole country.

In the dry season the descent from the banks to its bed is like that into a pit, and in the rains the rush of water and the deep. bed of mud at the bottom render it almogt. impassable.
8. The "Seri" has been bridged, but not at the public expense. The "Wahivátdár" of the "Swasthán Dákor" finding this river a serious impediment to the countless pilgrims who flock to that celebrated shrine at every full-moon, built a substantial stone bridge on the road to U'mraoti, which the public have the advantage of, and over which the tratic of the new road is to be brought. -
9. I am very respectfully of opinion that the local fund of this district should at once be applied to the building of a bridge over this-otherwise-impracticable river, somewhere in the vicinity of the villages of Ekelvelo and Russulpur, on the direct road from the Panch Maháls to seyeral stations of the Bombay Baroda and Central Inda Railway: This road, with crosses the Myhi at Pali, passes through the important Malleki village of "Hungadir Kasba and the Kasba Thásra," and there splits into saveral branches, by which the traffic is carried to Mehmadabad on the west, Kapadvanj and Ahmedabad on the north, and Nadiad and A'nand to the south.
10. An opinion prevails that the water of this river is what is termed. "chopdi," or saltieh, which no doubt is the case where it mixes with the water of the river "mohur," but in this part of its course it is perfectly sweet and good, and fit for irrigational parposes, on. which account a low fixed additional rate.is imposed on the land lying contiguous, as pointed out further on.
11. The water of this river might be greatly utilized at rerysimall expense by building $\dagger$ Vude annexed sketch. . low bunds at short intervals, $\dagger$ which, although not impeding the course of the stream to irrigate the contiguous lands by means of "dhekuries." This narrow deep ditch would in fact be converted into a series of tainks, which would be a blessing to the people and remunerative to Government in a vevenue point of view. The advantage of the plan was pointed oat to Lientenant Baldwin, R.E., Assistant Executive Engineer of Kaira, who considered it quite fegsible. It is probable the space between such dams as these would silt up, but the deposit would be so valuable as manure, that the people. would take care to keep the bed of the river at its proper depth.
12. The south part of this district, although flat, is extremely pretty, covered with fine umbrageous trees of every kind common to Gujarat: 'the whole face of the country presents a very pleasing picture to the eye. The northern and north-western part of the dastrict, however, is.nenther so fertile nor so well wooded as that just decribed, as the soll
changes from a fine "guraru" to a poor black, called "mal,"
Mahunda Report, paragraphs 5 and 8 Which has been fully described, in my reporta on the neighbouring táluka of Maíunda.
13. The climate is very similar to that of the other districts of Kaira which have

- Climate. been reported on, and the fall of rain a little less than in should be more than others. is difficult to determine, unless it is thy district, but why it sets in in November, the malaria generated in the Panch Mahsl jungles when the east wind sets breeze.

14. A railway feeder from the Myhi vid Angaria Kasba, Thasra Dákor, and Umrat -Roads.: . will in all nand railway station, is now under construction, and. Gujarat. In the first place it will put the great Hindur shrine of Dast frequented roads in great and small, and hundreds of thousands of people from all parts of the Presidency will avail themselves of direct railway communication (to the A'nand station, to visit this celebrated place. It will also be the line of road by which the large tobaco traffic between*: Nadiád and Mâlwa will be carried to Central Inḍia.

The jungle produce of the Panch Maháls-mowra berries, wood, skins, honey, charcoal, \&c:-will go by this road to the A'nand railway station, as also a good deal of opium. It will be seen from this how essential it is that there should be a bridge over the "Seri" river at Ekelvelu for the benefit of the traffic going north.
15. All other roads in the district are the ordinary cart-tracks of the period, tolerable in the "guraru" and execrable in the black soil; but I trust now that a local fund is at the disposal of a committee of the inhabitants, some steps will be taken to facilitate the communication in this beautiful táluka, which has had nothing done for it "since the Aryan Hindus oisplaced the aborigines of the soil."
16. The soil is for the most part "guráru " of the second best quality, running into the The soll. sandy description towards the "Myhi". The best description of this fine loamy soil is to be found in some villages, but not so rich or fine in texture as is prevalent in Nadiad. The black soil is for the most part poor " mal" (by which I mean that it is improvable land upon which nothing has yet been spent), . and which I have alluded to in paragraph 8 of the Mahunda report.

There are some good beds of rice land in several villages, but as it is almost wholly dependent on the rain for water-supply, and as that is precarious, the assessment is low, as will be explained further on.
17. There are several very good market towns in Thasra, the largest being Umrait Markets. Kasba, which contains 13,419 inhabitants. Dákor also is vèry populous, and must, on account of the immense influx of strangers at every full-moon, consume a considerable quantity of grain and other necessaries of life.

Thásra Kasba is also a well-to-do town, and two or three of the Malleki villages have markets of their own ; but as Nadiád is at an easy distance as well as two other railway stations ( $A^{\prime}$ nand and $V$ ásad), the cultivators are not confinod to the markets of their own táluka.
18. Thásra is densely populated. The 53 Government villages contain 45,293 inhabitPopulation. $\quad$ ants, and the 27 Malleki villages 24, 253 , being in the former of the whole district is 332 inhabitants to the square mile. .
19. The northern part is inhabited chiefly by "Kolis" with a mixture of "Kunbis" and "Patidárs," but "Umrait" and the neighbouring villages have a large Brahmin and Banian population. The population is almost entirely agricnltural, and numbers of the cultivators, ape very well-to-do, and possess commodious houses and much agricaltural capital. They are generally well clothed, and the female population are rich in jewels and adornments and have an appearance of wealth and comfort which iṭ is very pleasant to contemplate.
20. In the Government villages there are 4,898 ploughs, which gives about $37 \frac{1}{2}$ to the square mile, and as about 55,564 acres of Government and alienated land were in cultivation in the Government villages in $1863-64$, it gives very nearly $11 \frac{1}{4}$ acres to each plough.
21. The proportion of culturable land-Government and alienated-actually under cultivation at the time of settlement was $72 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., and the increase in cultivation in 20 years in Government land amounted' to 34 per cent. In the adjoining taluka of Kapadvanj, the corresponding increase was $71 \cdot$ per cent. The heavy inequitable assess..ent of Thásra has undoubtedly retarded the extension of cultivation.
22. As the old Survey did not extend its operations to this taluka, it is impossible to state with anything like accuracy what the increase in the general prosperity of the district has really been, but it is probably fair to take as a sample the villages comprising the "Umrat Tappa,", "which 40 years ago belonged to Nadiád, at which time the old Survey was in progress.
23. These villages, 5 in number, now belong to Thasra, and a comparisou of their present with therr former condition is very interesting.

In A.D. 1824 they contained 3,428 houses ; they now contain 6,115 -an increase in 40 years of 78 per cent.

In 1824 they contained 13,231 inhabitants; and in $1863,16,152$-an increase fn y years of 22 per cent.

In 1824 there were 3,077 draught cattle ; there are now 4,643 -an increase of $5 \mathrm{I}^{*}$. per cent. There were 356 ploughs in 1824 ; there are now 756 -an increase of $112 \frac{1}{3}$ per cent, $\%$ 24. This group of villages would in all probability have shown eveñ a higher dégree of progress than is here recorded had they boen moderately and equitably assessed. The old assessment in more than one was really oppressive, and the revised rates, will be a great boon to the excellent cultivators, who through a long period of dow prices paid-not without a murmur certainly-a very exorbitant assessment.
25. It is needless to lengthen this letter by describing in detail the variousi systems \% revenue management which have prevailed in this district, as they are similar to thotse which obtained in Mehmadabad, and which have been fully described in the report on that táluka.
26. As'all other necessary information relating to the rates was furnished in "mp report No. 166a of 23 rd March last, I will at once proceed to details connected with thê. settlement.
27. The maximum rates recommended in paragraph 14 of my letter to the Collector of Kaira, No. 166A, dated 23rd March 1864, and sanctioned by the Revenue Commissioner', N. D., in his memorandum 1252, dated 27th A pril 1864, have been strictly adhered to, except in the case of one village, "Badrasar," the maximum dry-crop originally recommended for which was Rs. 2-12. This has been raised to Rs. 3, as I found that this village would easily bear the latter rate, which is that of the group of villages to which it naturally belongs.
28. The following table gives the total assessment at Survey rates of all descriptions of land :-

Table No. I.

29. The following is an abstract of the "Vasul-Báki-Patraks" or "Jamábandi" statements of the different villages, from which you will see the total difference between the

Table No. II.

30. The above statements it is hoped do not require much explanation; a few points call for notice.
31. There is a discrepaney of Rs. 18-4 between the assessment of cultivated Government lands in column 14 of Table I. and that in column 9 of Table II. This is caused by the former assessment having been entered in the "Wassul-Baki-Patraks" in the case of certain lands which have been given at rates lower than the Survey assessment for terms of years which have not yet not expired, or during the lives of certain persons.
32. You will notice that the total assessment of caltivated Government lands in
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The apparent decrease, however, is caused only by cesses, "purgaum-swadios" and other similar items having been by the old system included in the assessment of Government lands. They have now been entered under their proper heads in columns 11 and 18 of Table II.
33. In my letter marginally noted I estimated that kumal of Government lands would

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1864, paragraphe 13 and 14. be, owing to the reduction made in working out the assessment

## Government lands.

 of fields digures then given-Rs. 98,987. The real figures are Rs. $93,962-11$, so that my estimate is correct. I estimated that the increase in the assessment of cultivated Government lands caused by the settlement would be 5 or 6 per cent. The assessment on the area actually cultivated having been raised from Rs. 69,095 to Rs. 69,860 , the real increase is "wis only a little more than 1 per cent., but as the actual cultivated area cannot be ascertained till the "Hissawar" measurement is completed, the estimate was quite as near as could be expected. The netincrease of assessment caused by the Settlement, including the assessment of waste portions of cultivated fields, is Rs. 14,087 , or 20 per cent.34. Garden lands in the Thásra pargana are of two kinds-_" kuetar " or watered Garden lands. from wells, and "dhekudiat" or watered from the river tion to the dry crop assessmenc In the case of the former, a bagait kassar in adaiap asessment, and calculated according to the capacity and quaity of the well and the area of irrigable land, has been imposed upon the fields under the well. In the case of the latter, a light permanent water rate calculated at a maximum of one rupee per acre has been imposed on all lands capable of being irrigated from the river, whether now irrigated or not.

The details of these two kinds of garden land have not been shown separately in Table I. on account of the labour of extracting the figures. The total figures of "dhekudiat" land, however, are as follows :-

| Acres. | Soil Assessment. | Water Assessment. | Total Assessment. | Average Rate |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A. g. | Rs, a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p | Rs. a. p. |
| 1,461 11 | 2,883 00 | 69500 | $3,578 \quad 0 \quad 0$ | $\begin{array}{lll}2 & 7 & 2\end{array}$ |

The total figures of " kuetar" land are as follows : -

35. The average rate it will be seen is low, and I intended it to be so, as garden cultivation being limited, and the wells mostly deep and with a scanty water-supply, I considered it important to encourage this kind of cultivation by light rates. In the one or two villages, however, in which there is any extent of garden cultivation, I think now that I have pitched the "bágait" assessment too low. In " Umrait" for instance I have fixed the maximum " bágait " rate at about Rs. 9 per acre; but the common rate under the former system being Ris. 9 per bigha, which is easily paid, I think revenue has been unnecessarily sacrificed by the settlement. I propose, therefore, if you approve, to raise the bágait "kassar in these villages by one-half. This will cause an increase of revenue of about Rs. 900 .
36. The water assessment on rice lands has, as proposed in paragraph 18 of my letter Rice lands.

No. 166a, dated 23rd March, been caltalated on a maximum 7 of his letter marginally noted, the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., expressed paragraph To Collector of Kaira, No, these rates might prove too high, especially in the villages 1252, dated 27th April. near the Mhyi. I do not think, however, that the rates im. villages under report is "posed are at all too high. Nearly all the rice land in the ance, and the highest water classification wered by the rain only, without tank or well assistmum dry-crop rate is Rs. 3 , as itification on such land is 8 annas only. Thas, if the maxirates on the very best " akasi" rice land will be Rs. considered an exorbitant rate. The average rate is. $3+$ Rs. $1=$ Rs. 4 , which cannot be complaints during the settlement that rice lands were rated unduly high. and I heard no

Alienated lands, columns 11, 13 15, and 18 of Table II.

- Revenue Commissioner to Supermtendent of Survey, Nos. 613A and 707s of 1863, and to Government Nos, 1084ba and 1958a of 1864.

37. The settlement of tmposts affecting alienated lands has been made on the principles approved in the letters marginally noted. The increase in amonat of the Survey fixed quit-rents over the fluctuating imposts under the late system Rs. 1863 , is due principally to three causes-

1st-Cesses to the amount of Rs. 1,259 , affecting alienated lands, have been computed to fixed quit-rents.
$2 n d$-The measured has been substituted for the asra bigha in calculating the amount of original fixed quit-rents (vide Mr. Pedder's report on the Matar cesses, No. 3 of 1863, parayraph 13).

3rd-The assessment of lands entered as paying "kamaldar-salami," or quit-" rents equal to the Government assossment, has been in some cases raised.
38. An inquiry is now being made regarding these "kamaldar" lands, and if it should appear that the full Survey assessment is in any case higher than the quit-rent ought to be, a correction will be made in time for this year's jamábandi. A slight decrease in the total amonnt of quit-rents fixed by the Survey will be caused by this.
39. Only the following points regarding the settlement of imposts affecting alienated lands deserve a particular notice :-

1st.-"Khátábándi" lands. I find that the khátábandi system prevailed chiefly in 20 villages among those under report. In 14 of them
Revenne Commissioner to Su- the alienated land held in the kháta has been at different perintendent of survey, No. 707A of 1863, para. 3 . times entered as Government, and in the other 6 has been entered as paying the full Government rates as quit-rent I have, therefore, thought it unnecessary to make any further inquiry on this subject.
$2 n d .-" B u r g a u m-s w a d i o s . "$ This cess is paid when people of one village coltivate alienated (or in one case either Government or alienated) lands in another. In other districts the amount involed having been very small, this cess has been struck off; but as in Thásra it usually affects alienated lands alone, and is of an appreciable amount, I have thought it right to commute it, according to its average realisations, for a fixed quitrent, amounting to about Rs. 220 upon the alienated lands which are liable to it. The alienees knowing that in other districts it has been struck off, complain of this, but without reasons.

3rd-"Anni-Viro." A cess of this name, which has not been previously reported on, prevails in-several villages. It usually exactly resembles the Matar "khata-viro," and has been disposed of in the same way, but in one village it is a certain percentage levided in addition to the quit-rent or allenated lands

Vide No. 2 in statement accompanying Mr. Pedder's Report No. 3 of 1863 . and has been included in the averages.
40. The settlement on the whole may, I trust, be considered satisfactory. Great eagerness was shown to obtain possession of Governments lands, and nearly all numbers, wholly or partially cultivated, were agreed for at the Jamábandi, as well as a great many totally waste. I anticipated, therefore, that the assessment of occupied Government lands in 1864-65 would amount to at least Rs. 85,000-an increase of Rs. 16,000 over the assessment according to the former system for 1863-64, and of Rs. 18,500 over the average collections for the last ten years. I fear, however, from the exceedingly unfavourable rains, that these anticipations will not be immediately realised.
41. According to the orders noted in the margin, all "warra" or "palia" lands surrounding the dwelling houses of cultivators and others were Revenue Circular Orders, No. surveyed and assessed when the area exceeded a quarter of an XXXVII, page 371. surveyed and assessed when the area erced acre. This gave great dissatisfaction, as it has been the costom immemorial
42. I therefore addressed the Revenue Commissioner on the subject demi-officially, who directed me to allow "warras" to the extent of one acre free of assessment in villages, not in towns.
43. It is necessary to get a formal order on the subject, and as doubts are apt to arise if it is not clearly understood whether in cases where plots of "warra" land in excess of an acre are occupied the entire area of the warra will be assessed, or only the balance remaining after deducling one acre to be held free. I would very respectfully suggest the following rule for the tálukas of "Thásra and Kapadvanj." When warra or palia land surrounding or lying contiguous to a dwelling-house does not exceed one acre in area, it shall be enjoyed by the occupier of such house free of assessment, but when the area of warra lands so situated is in escess of one acre, then one acre only of such warra shall be enjoyed free of assessment, the balance being assessed in full.
44. Mr. Pedder's report on the proposed settlement of the

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Measurement.

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Malleki villages haring already been operations connected with the measurement and classification of the district.
45. The measurement was condacted under the supervision of Messrs. Hall and Guerin respectively in the seasons of 1859-60 to 1861-62.
46. The classification was superintended by Mr . Harrington Bulkley in the seasons of 1861-62 and 1862-63.
47. The average difference between measurementand test was $\frac{21}{40}$ of an acre per cent., and the average difference between classification and test was for soil 5.64 pies and for water 3.98 pies.
48. The following is a detailed statement showing the area measured and classed, the proportion submitted to test, and the percentage of error of either operations both in the Government and Malleki villages :-

49. The settlement of Thasra was not completed till the 9th of July,

The measurers of subordinate shares of Survey numbers having been employed first in the Kapadvanj Taluka could not commence many of the Thasra villages till late in the season, which of course delayed the preparation of the papers. Another reason, over which we had no control, somewhat retarded the work : from the end of March till the middle of June cholera raged in this district, and it was with difficulty the rayats could be persuaded to come up to our camp, fearing they might be seized with the disease and die away from
their homes.

Very providentially only one cultivator died of cholera at the Jamábandi, and all the people seized, who took our medicine, recovered, so that no panio arose, which was fortunate. It might have been otherwise, in which case the settlement would not have been completed.

All our Kárkings behaved with great courage and presence of mind, ana although living in the midst of the disease, never neglected their work or forsook their posts, for
which they deserve commendation.
50. I must not conclude without making very favourable mention of the services of the Mámlatdar Lallubhai Nandlal, who exerted himself to the utmost, both in expediting the "Hissawar may difficulties, as many of the measurers, and not fors. This the Mámlatdar did under great leaving him in the lurch at the most critical time.

> I have the honour to be, \&c., C. J. PRESCOTV, Captain, Supt., Gujarat Revenue Survey and Assessment.

## No. 1333 or 1864.

## From

## E. P. ROBERTSON, Esq., Aeting Collector of Kaira;

To

# Tfee Honotrable B. H. ELLIS, <br> Revenue Commissioner, N. D. 

## Kaira Collector's Camp, Mehmadabad, Sir, 21 st Decemier 1864.

I have the honour to submit a Jamábandi Report, No. 545, without date, from Captain Prescott, Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Gujarat, exhibiting the financial results of the survey settlement of the 53 Government villages in the
Thasra Táluka.

Thasra Resísed Jamabandi Set slements.
Map and Vernacular Statements are forwarded in separste cases. Thásra Táluka.
2. In paragraphs 7 and 8 the Superintendent dwells upon the importance of constructing a bridge over the Seri. This useful work has already been sanctioned and is in course of construction.
3. Paragraphs 2 to 10 describe generally the situation and nature of the district, and in paras. 9 to 11, inclusive, Captain Prescott treats of the river Seri and its capabilities for irrigation. This river is admirably adapted by natare for the purpose of irrigation, and the necessary works required could be constructed speedily, with ease, and at but little expense. The importance of the measure recommended by the Superintendent can hardly be overrated, and I trust that it may meet with early and favourable consideration from Government. The works may in many cases be undertaken as relief works during the present scarcity. Whey will be highly remunerative to Government, and will add largely and materially to the grain-producing capabilities of the country. The 14 Khari villages in the Mehmadabad Táluka are a wonderful example of what may be accomplished by a small expenditure on irrigational works. While the rice crop in other localities has failed, the rice crop in the 14 Khári villages has been most magnificent, and the ground being thoroughly moist, will in the course of the next few months be covered with rich wheat crops.
4. From paragraph 17 it will be observed that there are several good markets in the district itself, and that in addition to these the district of Thásra is favourably situated as to markets beyond the táluka. This point has of course its bearing upon the rates settled for the taluka. The district is, moreover, thickly inhabited, the population being chiefly agricultural; these people are well-te-do in the world,' and possess a considerable amount of agricultural capital.
5. In paragraph 27 the Superintendent states that the maximum rates recommended in his letter No. 166a, dated 23rd March 1864, have with "one exception been strictly adhercd to. The reason given for the change in the rates in "Badrasur" is satisfactory.
6. My predecessor, Mr. Hadow, in paragraph 25 of his report No. 392, dafted 15th April 1864, observes : "The Collnetor sees nothing to object to in the grouping of the villages under the circumstances explained ia paragraph 16, but he doubts whether any increase in the pitch of assessment is called for in reference to permanent considerations. He is on the contrary inclined to the opinion that a reduction in the maximum rates might have been made without needlessly sacrificing revenue." It will, however, be observed from paragraph 33: of the Superintendent's report that the real jncrease on the cultivated land throughout the district is only a little more than one per cent., and that the net increase, including the rates levied on the waste portion of cultivated fields, is Rs. 14,087, or 20 per cent. This appears to me satisfactory, and I do not consider that any further reduction in the rates is called for.
7. In paragraphs 34 and 35 , Captain Prescott details the system and rates fixed on garden lands "kuvetar" and "dhekariat." The rates fixed on the kuvetar are satisfactory. It, however, appears to me that the rates on dhekuriat cultivation have been fixed far too low. The rayat is put to little or no expense when first setting up a dhekari. I would

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suggest that the rate should be raised. The present rate of Re. 1 might well be raised to the rates upon kuvetar land. Unless this is done, the rate on this description of cultivation will not pay a sufficient return for the irrigational works it is proposed Government should undertake on the Seri. Should you, however, be of opinion that it is not advisable to raise the rates on this land, then I would suggest that they should not be guaranteed. This would enable Government, in the event of irrigational works being undertaken, to place a remunerative rate on lands watered from such irrigational works.
8. For the reason explained by Captain Prescott in paragraph 36 of his report, I am of opinion that the rice rates recommended by him are fair and moderate, and shuald be sanctioned.
9. The settlement of imposts on alienated lands has been made in accordance with Paragraph 37. rates already approved by Government. The plan adopted, pears satisfactory and such as would be approved of "pergaum swadio" and "anivero"
10. It is requested that a formal order, as suggested by the Superintendent in paragraph 43 , should be issued regarding the "Wara" or Palia lands in the two tálukas of Kapadvanj and Thásra.

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

> E. P. ROBERTSON,
> Acting Collector.

No. 778 of 1865.

## Revenue Department.

 ToThe SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, Bombay,

Camp Nadiad, 10th March 1865.

No. 545 , without date, and No, 544, dated
2nst November 1864, with accompaniment in
original. original.

I have the honour to submit Captain Prescott's reports as per margin, on the revision of the land assessment of the tálukas of Kapadvanj and Thásra in the Kaira Collectorate.
2. It will be noticed that in these districts, as in those of Mahudha and Mehmadabad settled last year, it has been necessary to consider (in grouping villages similarly crrcumstanced in other respects) the difference in the agricultural skill and 21st December 1864, are alsa forwarded in $\begin{aligned} & \text { (in grouping vilages similarly crrcumstanced in other } \\ & \text { orignal, }\end{aligned}$
agricultural resources of the two classes of Kunbi and Koli cultivators. Villages inhabited by these two classes cannot be put on a par with respect to assessment without either sacrificing the Government revenue or discouraging the less civilised and improvident tribe of Kolis from the pursuit of agriculture.
3. The rates proposed for Kapadvanj were personally discussed by me with Captain: Frescott and Mr. Pedder in my tour of the season of 1863-64, and my original impression that the rates were light enough has been confirmed by the Superintendent's report giving the financial results of the settlement after its introduction. The increase in the assessment on the area actually under cultivation is only one per cent; but when the waste portions included in cultivated survey numbers are taken into acconnt, the net increase caused by the settlement amounts to 38 per cent. And considering the present prices of agricultural produce and the steadily progressive prosperity of the district, as shown by the interesting statistics given by Captain Prescott, this increase cannot be deemed great. It must alsobe remembered thiat Kapadvanj has hitherto been one of the most lightly assessed districts.
4. The rates provisionally sanctioned by me have been adhered to except in the case See Captain Prescott's 24th of the village of Bhutia, where the maximum has been reparagraph, cretion in making the reduction.
5. I have already issued orders about the village of Surrali referred to in Captain Prescott*s 28th paragraph.
6. Captain Prescott has fixed a water bág rate on what are called "dhekudiat" or Paragraph 32. river-watered lands. I do not approve of this fluctuating and been tried, and there is no reason to suppose thessessment. It has failed wherever it has in other places. It would be better to place a light extra assessmetter in Kapadvanj than the wells, and this portion of the settlement should be revised
7. I concur with Captain Prescott in thinking that the bagayat kassar has been pitched too low in some of the villages of Kapadranj, and the he proposes.
8. The subject-matter of Captain Prescott's 34th paragraph I have referred for the report of Colonel Bell, and the necessary steps will be taken on the receipt of his reply.
9. I may state that a bridge over the river Sedhi, the necessity of which Captain Prescott points out in paragraph 8, is about to be made. I regret, however, that there is no immediate prospect of the construction of a bridge over the Sábarmatti, the most im-
portant public work required in Gujarat.
10. The Thásra Táluka contains in all 80 villages, of which 58 are khálsa or Government villuges and 27 malleki villages in which Malleks of Thasra have a share (called "vajey") in the revenues. The Survey Settlement has not yet been introduced into the latter villages, but a report, with proposals for their settlement, has been submitted, and is at present under consideration. These villages will form the subject of a separate report to Government.
11. It will be perceived from the information given in the Superintendent's report that Thassra has made less rapid progress than Kapadvanj, and this is attributed to the high rates of assessment which hitherto obtained in the district. Consequently the new survey rates show a less increase than in Kapadvanj; the net increase, inclusive of the assessment on waste portions in cultivated numbers, being 20 per cent against 38 in Kapadvanj.
12. When the rates for Thásra were proposed last year by the Superintendent, I sanctioned their introduction experimentally. I was at the time somewhat apprehensive that the assessment was rather high on the water assessment on rice lands in some of the villages, and I requested the Superintendent to consider whether a lower scale might not be adopted. But the report now submitted shows that the rates are not too high. The Superintendent states that during the settlement there were no complaints of the rice lands being unduly rated.
13. The rates originally proposed have been adhered to in all cases except in the village of Budwasun, where, for the reasons stated in paragraph 37, the maximum drycrop rate has been raised to Rs, 3 from Rs. 2-12. This may be approved.
14. Here too, as in Kapadvanj, the bágayat rate has been found from experience to have been pitched too low in some of the villages, and I have approved of Captain Prescott's proposal in paragraph 35 to raise it by one-half. Generally, the bagayat assessment is light enough to encourage this kind of cultivation, which is very scanty in Thasra,
15. In paragraphs 41, 42, and 43, Captain Prescott refers to the subject of "Warra" or "Talia" lands. The rule quoted by the Superintendent is inapplicable to the state of things in these districts, and as the amount of revenue involved is little, and the dissatisfaction caused by the rule great, I took upon myself to sanction a deviation from it to the extent mentioned by the Superintendent. The limit of one acre now laid down is fair, and I request the sanction of Government to the adoption in Gujarat of the rule proposed br Captain Prescott.
16. The subject-matter of paragraphs 9 to 11 has been referred for the opinion of Colonel Bell, and if he approve of the suggestions, a portion of the money recently sanc-tioned for famine works might at once be applied to this object.
17. I now request the sanction of Government to the rates being guaranteed in Kapadvanj and Thásra, the period of guarantee to expire with that fixed for Mehmadabad and Mahudha. The settlements of the other districts of Kaira will be guaranteed in the same way, so that the whole of the settlements may come under revision simultaneously.
18. The anna cess for roads and education has been levied under the new settlement.

I have the honour, \&c.,
(Signed) B. H. ELLIS,
Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

Bambay Castle, 21st June 1865.
Letter from the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., No. 778, dated 16th March 1865-Submitting reports by the Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarat, on the revision of the land assessment of the tálukas of Kapadvanj and Thásra in the Kaira Collectorate.
Further letter from the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., No. 826, dated 18th March 1865-Stating that in his letter above quoted he has solicited Government to give the usual guarantee for the rates fixed by the Survey for Kapadvanj, and requesting that an excéption be made in regard to a garden called Sardár Bág within the walls of Kapadvanj.
Resolution.-The Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the proposed settlement of Kapadvanj and Thasra, subject to the modifications recommended by the Revenue Commissioner, and to guarantee the rates for the period already fixed in the cases of Mohmadabad and Mahudha.
2. Extension of the limit from a quarter to one acre surrounding dwelling houses in the villages of these talukas to be held free of charge is sanctioned.
3. Paragraphs 8,9 , and 16 of the Revenue Commissioner's letter, with accompaniments, should be communicgted to the Public Works Department of the Secretariat.

## (Signed) F. S. CHAPMAN, Chief Secretary to Government.

The Revenue Commissioner, N. D.
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat.

# T. R. FERNANDEZ, Esquire, Deputy Superintendent, Gujarát Revenue Survey; 

# Camp Vejalpore, Táluka Jalalpore, 23rd March 1895. 

## Sir

I have the honour to forward to you Mr. E. Maconochie, Survey Settlement Officer's revision settlement report of the Thásra Táluka with my remarks thereon.
2. Táluka Thásra, and its neighbour táluka Kapadvanj, the revision report of which I will soon have the honour to submit for the orders of Government, are perhaps the most difficult parts of Gujárat from a Settlement Officer's point of view. The causes which contribute to this unenviable pre-eminence are, (1) the existence in them of a peculiar quality of black and red soil technically known as mál, which even the most experienced cultivator has not yet been able to understand, much less, therefore, the Survey Officers who have had to assess it; and (2), the exceedingly careless and thriftless character of the peasantry who occupy them. In respect of the former cause, it need at all be said to the discredit of my predecessors that the officers who are responsible for the classification of the mál lands, did not fully realize the worthlessness of such lands from an agricultural point of view; hence, owing entirely to an error of judgment, they classed them far too high in comparison with the good lands of the taluka. In my Kapadvanj report, now in preparation, I have stated in full my reasons for coming to so grave a conclusion; I will therefore not burden my remarks on the Thasra report with a reiteration of them; but would kindly refer you to them in anticipation, and also to the ample proofs to the same end which Mr. Maconochie himself affords later on in his report.
3. I have nothing to add to the physical description of the táluka, except that the waters of the Shedhi have a bad name among the people for purposes of irrigation. They are supposed to haye hurtful salts, which tend to cake the land irrigated and destroy its fertility for two or three seasons. Captain Prescott alludes to the waters of this river in his Matar and Mahudha reports in the same terms as I have done.
4. From paragraph 12, it will be seen that rice occupies the second position to bajri among the most extensively cultivated of the cereals. Thásra, therefore, comes next to Matar as the largest producer of that grain in your Collectorate. During the Survey lease, the area of rice land increased by 6,482 acres.
5. As regards markets (para. 14), there is no doubt that Umreth, though in Anand, attracts a large part of the grain traffic of Thasra, One has only to ride in the mornings, during the busy season, on the Dakore road, to be satisfied of this; for laden carts and men carrying head loads will all be seen proceeding to Umreth. My enquiries lead me to believe that the Thásra çapitalists are aly in a small way; and that their principal business is that of money-lenders. And further that, the export business is in the hands of Ahmedabad and Broach merchants, who send up agents to buy for them.
6. I have nothing to add to the information given in paragraphs 15 to 27.
7. In paragraph 28 Mr . Maconochie is inclined to the conclusion that all the officers concerned in the settlement of Thásra " looked to prices higher than those of the years immediately preceding 1863 to justify the rates proposed."

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I would state in reference to this remark that there is no doubt they were influenced in that way, but I think only to the extent of maintaining the revenue at the level of the previous years; for the survey rates caused an increase in Thásra of only one per cent., vide Captain Prescott's paragraph 33 of his letter No. 545 of 1864. The fact is that, at the survey, for symmetry's sake, small pieces of cultivable waste lying adjoining cultivation were, by order, included in the cultivation. The pieces so included showed, for partially cultivated Tálukas, a very respectable acreage, the assessment of which represented thousands of rupees. For Thásra, this system of measurement added Rs. 14,087 to the burden of the cultivators, or about 19 per cent. on the previous year's revenue; and I am strongly led to believe that Captain Prescott and the other officers concerned were satisfied with such increases, in so far as not to trouble themselves about a comparison of prices, past and present, beyond a certain point already noticed by me. Considering that the extent of jowári cultivation is only 4'69, and that this jowári is most probably of the Sundhia variety, which is only grown for fodder, I think the price of this grain should be eliminated as useless for our purpose.
8. In paragraph 30 , the revenue history of the three groups of villages is analysed. From a study of it, I am inclined to be of opinion that the Maleki group, though highest assessed, shows the greatest progress, and progress of a decided nature, for its area of cultivation in no single year fell below that of the first year of the lease. Why the revenue of the three years 1874-75 to 1876-77 is below that of the first year is a thing I cannot explain.

The Thásra group also shews progress, but of a very moderate kind; while in the Mabudha group a decided retrogade movement is noticeable. Compared with the area of cultivation and revenue of the first year, there is a great falling off visible throughout the lease, and the last year, 1891-92, shows a drop of 3,710 acres and Rs. 4,983 . This decline is easily accounted for by the villages of this group being in the Mal tract, the classification of which is extremely defective. Mr. Maconochie proves that there has been progress in all the groups by comparing the receipts of the last year, 1892-93, with the averages of the first decade. But this method is, it seems to me, not fair, and, as I have shown, decidedly misleading in one instance.
9. Paragraph 33. I fully agree with Mr. Maconochie in coming to the conclusion on general considerations that there are justifications for raising the assessment of the Taluka. Although the rise in the prices of the staple grains, bajri and rice, has been but moderate, viz., 7 and 14 per cent (see para. 28), for reasons given by me in para 7 above, it is not a point to lay much stress on now. But, in distributing the increase that is justifiable, we must not forget the peculiar circumstances of the Mahudha group of villages, which are such as to call for a very different treatment from the rest of the táluka.
10. In paragraphs 35 to 46 are discussed the special difficulties which exist in the way of grouping the villages on the principles of the Joint Report.' These are (1), the comparatively high original assessment of the Maleki villages which were justified by considerations affecting the interests of the part-proprietors; and (2), the worthlessness of the large tract of Mál land. I fully admit both the difficulties; and further that they are both of a unique nature, and cannot be possibly overlooked. But, while the first was, and is, unavoidable, the second need never have existed, if the Mal land had been correctly classified in relation to the better lands, and is removable. As already stated by me, I have, in my Kapadvanj report, given my reasons in full for the strong opinion I hold on the subject of the erroneous classification of the Mál land, and I will not repeat them here. But as Mr. Maconochie in his para. 46 says that, after discussion, point to proofs which he be that the classification was properly done," I will justified. They are (1), the caself amply affords that this conclusion was not - knows the Desais of Nadiád will of Ajupura (vide para. 44). Everybody who possible in the cultivation will agree with Mr, Maconochie that, if success was present condition is that on that village they would have attained it. But its cultivation: (2), the case only 200 acres, out of about 3,000 acres, are under cultivation : (2), the case of Mr. Garbaddas described in para. 45 : (3), the case
of the Irish Presbyterian Mission-it pays the Mission better to keep the land under grass than to cultivate it ; and (4), the quotation from Captain Prescott and the remarks concerning it.
11. It will be pointed out that, the quotation given from Captain Prescott's report states plainly that the classification of the Mál land was low. How is this supported by facts? The old records having been destroyed by fire, I have got the average classification of each village worked out with the data available. These results, which may be taken as correct within 5 or 6 pies, I give in a statement hereto appended. A reference to it will show that the classification of Ajupura is 11 annas and 10 pies, while the classification of no village, however good, is higher than 12 annas and 7 pies. Again, compare the classification of Mr. Maconochie's last group-the group into which he has placed the worst mal villages-with the classification of the other groups, and it will be perceived that there is nothing to choose between them, And yet, any one who has critically seen Thásra will easily acknowledge that this cannot be right. My statement therefore that the mál land has not been classed relatively to the other lands of the táluka has, I venture to think, been conclusively proved.
12. Ought the mál lands to be re-classed? There is no doubt that, if you wish to distribute the weight of your assessment equitably, the only way is to re-class them; for you cannot have a stable superstructure on a shaky foundation. But if Government are satisfied with the result of the current settlement that the incidence of the occupied lands, though inequitable, is yet not oppressive enough to cause the relinquishment of any portion of them, and that it is not in the interest of both Government and the people concerned that the large tracts of assessed waste should be cultivated, but that they should be reserved for grass and pasturage, then the present irregular classification might be left undisturbed. In such a case it will be not only anomalous to strictly apply the Joint Report principles to the grouping of the villages, but positively injurious to all interests concerned.
13. Provided, therefore, that Government decide that the mál lands now unoccupied, and any that may be relinquished in the future, are to be retained chiefly for the production of grass, for cutting and grazing, I am of opinion that Mr, Maconochie's grouping, as explained in his paras. 50 and 56, is the best we can have; notwithstanding that it exhibits such startling anomalies as that the first group adjoins the 4 th, 5 th and 6 th groups.
14. The soil and water maximum rates for the new lease are detailed in para. 49. I think they are appropriate and may be sanctioned. Nadádra (vide para. 58) shows an increase of 76.7 per cent. It" is so situated that it cannot be transferred to a lower group. I would therefore recommend, as a special measure, a reduced maximum rate of Rs. 2-4 for it, retaining it in its proposed group. The increases of the other villages mentioned in paragraph 58 do not seem to call for interference, as all, except two, are in the first three groups; and the two exceptions have large areas of new rice to satisfactorily account for the rise in the proposed assessment.
15. Paragraph 60. I have seen the village of Sayat, and think that placeing it in the last group is very judicious. This is one of the villages in which, as stated by Mr . Maconochiè in his paragraph 45, a Nádiád Pátidár took up land and lost money by it. One of the reasons of his failure the Patidár attributed to the hard terms of the lease, which were these: in the first year full assessment on 500 acres (the full acreage being 1,068) ; and in every subsequent year full assessment on 75 more acres till the whole came under assessment. If the land ${ }^{\text {e }}$ were worth the assessment which became imposed on it by its classification, the terms would have been very liberal indeed. A reduction on the present assessment therefore seems very advisable.
16. Paragraphs 61, 62. The total area of occupied land of the taluka is 69,761 acres, and out of this 18,345 acres, or 26.2 per cent, have been classed for subsoil water advantages. The assessment due to such advantages is Rs. 6,014, which gives $5 \cdot 2$ annas per acre. On the two last groups the incidence is only $2 \cdot 2$ annas and $1 \cdot 4$ annas per acre. I think there is nothing to complain of in this; but, as the mal villages have already had a hard lot to bear on account of their very
high classification, I would recommend that their subsoil water values be cancelled, If re-classed, most of the survey numbers will fall within 5 annas of classification, and our rule exempts all such numbers from the incidence of subsoil water assessment. In the other groups I would recommend the confirming of the subsoil water assessment, for it is in no instance the cause of unduly raising the proposed assessment. Mr. Maconochie gives the Q Statement Nos. of the villages the subsoil water assessment of which he recommends should be cancelled. No. 32 must be a mistake, for Statement $Q^{2}$ shows no such assessment against it. No. 33 to No. 66 show increases of from 11.3 to 40 per cent., which are nut excessive. All the other numbers belong to the 5th and 6th groups to which I have already alluded. I do not think it is fair to make comparisons between the amount of the kasar to be surrendered and the amount of the subsoil water imposable; and to condemn the latter simply because it is higher. The object of subsoil water classification is, as you are well aware, not to provide compensation for the special well assessment to be cancelled, but to differentiate between fields which have facilities for irrigation and those which have not. I would add that in Thásra, generally, only half the classification value is imposed.
17. Paragraph 63. With regard to the concession in respect of trees which Mr. Maconochie recommends to be made in the Máleki villages, I am not prepared to give any opinion, as I have had no means of studying the subject. For instance I am not aware whether the tax on trees has been applied regularly down to this year to new trees that came into fruit-bearing every year, or how. I will therefore leave this question to be discussed by you.
18. Paragraph 64. Mr. Maconochie has entirely misunderstood the connection the Survey has with the subject of Section 65 of the Land Revenue Code, or I do not see how he would have submitted the statement of tumars he alludes to in this paragraph. All the cases, without exception, fall under part first of the section. They are not only within the Collector's competence, but we are always receiving such tamars from District officers for the purpose of the village records being cafrected. When in the course of a survey, original or revision, we meet with farm-houses, \&c., built in survey numbers with the permission of the Collector, we always give kharab deductions for them. In other years, this work is done by the zilla surveyor, or the general duty karkún of the Múmlatdár ; and thè papers sent to us, as I have already said, for purposes of correction. It is sưch buildings only for the erestion of which fines are leviable in addition to special assessment, that we are expected to supply the Collector with statements showing their position and the extent of ground covered by them. There are no such cases in Thásra. The statements received from Mr. Maconochie will be returned to the respective officers from whom they were received for disposal in the ordinary way.

I have the honour to be,<br>Sir,<br>Your most obedient Servant,<br>T. R. FERNANDEZ,<br>Deputy Superințendent, Revenue Survey, Gujarát,

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No. 1291 of 1895.
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# W. DODERET, Esquire, I.C.S.g Collector of Kaira, 

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G. B. REID, Esquire, I.C.S.,<br>Commissioner, N. D.

'Kaira', 20th April 1895.

## Sir,

I have the .honour. to forward herewith letter No.. 348, dated $\frac{28 r d}{24 t h}$ March 1895 from the Deputy Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Gujárat, together with the report of the Survey Settlement Officer, Mr. Maconochie, with the following remarks.
2. I have just taken charge of the Collectorate, and these papers were received at an unfortunate juncture as, Mr. Atkins was unable to deal with them in detail. He has howéver left a short note which hé desires should be inserted in the forwariding report., It appears as para. 3.
3. This report has arrived just as $I$ am making over charge of the Collectorate to join the Secretariat. It has arrived without any maps, so I cannot at a glance appreciate the proposals, and I haye no time to study the appendices in detail. I can merely say that Mr. Maconochie had a consultation with me before drafting his report, and I accepted his rates with a few suggestions for alteration in particular villages. His report contains a great deal of information about the táluka, which he seems to know well. Perhaps a little additional information about the Maleks would have been interesting. I am firmly convinced that the maximum rates for ' Mál' land must be kept low, as it iss, I understand, impossible to re-class the land. I think the total increase proposed is justifiable and that a stronger case in favour of increase could have been made out than that contained in these papers. I believe there is a controversy as to the nature of 'Mál' land. The important thing, however, from a Revenue Officer's point of view, is that, when it has lain fallow for a long time it is as hard as a brickbat, and probably several years of laborious cultivation are necessary before crops can be grown with much profit.
4. It will be seen that the proposed groups had the previous approval of my predecessor, and after examining them in detail I am unable to suggest any other method of grouping, when the disturbing factor of the 'Maleki' villages is taken into consideration. The map certainly looks patchy, but this must be left for future amendment.
5. There is however the one village-Nadadra-to be dealt with. It falls "naturally" (i.e., by position) into the öth group, but Mr. Maconochie (para. 59) describes it as "a very poor village." Personally I would prefer to see it transferred to the 6th group without more ado, as the symmetry of the map has already been sacrificed for more weighty reasons. If this course be found unacceptable, Mr. Fernandez's plan of a specially reduced maximum rate of Rs. 2-4 (the rate for the 6 th class) seems to me sounder than Mr. Maconochie's remission scheme, which is in fact a confession that the maximum rate is excessive.
6. Mr. Maconochie's full and detailed report shows most clearly that the two important factors which justify an increase of the State's share of the profits of agriculture, namely, ( $a$ ) higher prices and (b) improved communications, exist in the case of the Thásra Sub-Division. There has also been an advance in material prosperity as evidenced by the increase in agricultural stock and the more settled habits of the Koli cultivators, whose unthritty habits at and previous to the settlement of 1865 operated as a reason for keeping the maxima rates low in villages chiefly inhabited by them. The rise in prices has been moderate if
the disturbing years about the time of the American war be omitted; while the improvement in communications owing to the opening of the Railway joining the B. B. and C. I. at Anand has been most marked.
7. The percentage of increase in the 85 villages reported for re-settlement is moderate, being only 19•1, and this percentage is exceeded in the case of three groups, the $2 \mathrm{nd}, 4$ th and 5 th , while in no căse is the 33 per cent. limit overstepped.
8. Turning to the detailed Statement Q , it will be found that the individual villages in which the increase is somewhat large are the following :-

| 2 Agarwa | 4 Dhunadra |
| :---: | :---: |
| 8 Jakhed |  |
| 25 Vinjhol | 99 Kalsar |

Agarwa is near Thassra, besides being connected with Dakor by the bridge over the Shedhi, and the increase results naturally from the application of the . maximum rates under the new grouping. Dhunadra is in the same circumstances, and is also connected with the market town of Umreth. The remaining 4 villages fall by position into the Ist group, and the rise in assessment is partly due to the application of the consequent increase in maximum rates and partly to assessment on subsoil adrantages.
9. The lowering of the maximum rates in the two Hangadis does not affect the ' Maleks,' as the total assessment is increased by 4.5 per cent., while the placing of the villages in this class (the first) has the advantage of uniformity (please also vide para. 6 of Government Resolution No. 4002, containing the Government orders on the settlement of the Maleki villages in 1866). There in no reason from a topographical point of view why Rustampura should be treated differently from Pali, and the rate in Pali cannot be lowered in fairness to the 'Maleks." The rate for Rustampura should therefore be raised as proposed.
10. In the second group there are 8 villages which require some special mention. They are Nos. 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 41 and 42. Of these 31, 36, 41 and 42 naturally (i.e. by position) fall into the 2 nd group. In fact I do not quite see why they should not be included in the 1 st group as the Shedhi does not seem to cut them off from Thásra, as stated by Mr. Maconochie. However, they are better in the $2 n d$ group as the rise to the 1st group would otherwise be too sudden.
11. As regards the remaining villages ( 32 to 35 ) the increase in my opinion is justified on the ground of situation as regards markets, but as regards sub-soil advantages it is a question whether these should be considered in Ekalvelu and Golaj. I, will treat of this later on when I discuss the question in its general bearing on the 'Mal' lands assessment.
12. In the third class Mahi Itadi Walarpur Bhág falls naturally into this group, and the increase is justified on general considerations. As regards Palia the increase is chiefly on account of the new rice, and is I think justifiable.
13. In the 4th group Muliad and Wanghroli show a somewhat large increase, which is, however, I think justifiable, subject to any remarks I have to make about sub-soil water taxation.
14. 'I have already dealt with Nadadra, the only village in the 5th group which calls for special mention, and as regards the 6th group I have nothing to urge against the maximum rates as applicable to individual villages in the group.
15. I turn now to the question of sub-soil water taxation. I am deferentially of opinion that no such taxation is justifable ( $a$ ) in the 'Mal' villages included in classes V and VI; (b) in villages such as Golaj and Ekalvelu, where the 'Kasar' was nil or of trifling amount. As regards (a) there is obviously no justification for taxing the water when it operates in conjunction with the porous lime-bottomed soil as a positive hindrance to cultivation. As regards (b) it may fairly be urged that the advantages of sub-soil water are sometimes more apparent to the classer's eye than real to the cultivator, or otherwise wells would have been sunk long ago. Mr. Fernandez says that the object of the sub-soil water classification is to differentiate between fields which have facilities fox
irrigation and those which have not. Accepting this, I say that the practical confirmation of the theoretical value of subsoil water must as a general rule be afforded by the existence of wells, not necessarily wells in every field assessed. to subsoil water advantages, but generally in the villages paying ' kasar.'
16. For these reasons I go with Mr. Maconochie and I would cancel the subsoil water assessment in the villages named by him at the end of paragraph 62 in the marginal table, and I would add No. 8 Jakhed which is one of the villages mentioned by Mr. Maconochie in his paragraph 62 as containing "no garden cultivation worth the name." I am also inclined to recommend that the subsoil water assessment be remitted wholly or in part in Aurungpura (No. 1), Thásra (No. 23), Khijalpur Wanto (35) and Pipalwada (39) as no 'kasar' was originally leviable in these villages and as Mr . Maconochie's list of villages in paragraph 62 is clearly not exhaustive. The percentage of increase in these villages is also large. There are other villages where subsoil water is taxed but where no " kasar' has been hitherto levied, but as the percentage of increase classer's results.
17. Mr. Fernandez in paragraphs 10 to 13 of his letter discusses the classification of the 'Mal' lands. I do not think there can be a doubt but that the marked inferiority of the 'Mal' lands was well known to and allowed for in classing the soil by the classers who did the work. The fact is several times mentioned in the printed matter concerning the introduction of the current settlement. I do not quite follow Mr. Fernandez when he refers me in paragraph 11 to Mr. Maconochie's "classification of the last group in which he has placed the worst Mal villages," and asks me to compare it with "the classification of the other groups." As far as I understand him he refers me to the statement mentioned in his own paragraph 11. I have dealt with the subject at some length in my review of the proposals for Kapadvanj and will not repeat myself here. Suffice it to say that good reasons must have been found by the framers of the Joint Report to start 'Gorádu' at 15 annas and 'Mál' at 16 annas. At least this is what was done in Kapadvanj. Mr. Fernandez does not say what the initial values in Thásra were, but no case against the classification can be made out because the scale annas work out perhaps lower in a 'Goradu' than a 'Mál' village, for there are other factors such as the liability to flooding in some of the villages of the 1st group which would reduce the classification, while the absence of this disturbing element in a village of the sixth group, say. Chetursumba (77), would operate to keep the classification annas perhaps as high as in a village near the Shedhi in the first group.

18: Mr. Fernandez refers to particular cases in his paragraph 10. But because tobacco failed in Ajupura, or the Nadiád Desái lost money in trying to make grass land yield rice, it does not follow that the classification of the land quâ grass land is wrong, and the Irish Mission and their Parsi contractor evidently do not think so. There is an obvious inconvenience in referring to a few particular cases to support a theory, and Mr. Fernandez seems to have fallen into the mistake of imagining that lands are classed as grain-producing lands only and that the classification must be wrong because the land does not produce anything but grass. A visit to Bulsár Táluka would convince him that it pays better to keep some lands under grass, and it is not for me to say that it does not pay in the better kind of 'Mál' lands which may still be unfit to produce rice or bajrí.
19. But leaving this question, it does not appear from Appendix $Q$ that the maximum rates in classes V and VI have been appreciably altered in any case except Nadadra and this village I have dealt with elsewhere. If it be excluded from class $V$, the enhancement in this group and the next will be very moderate and this is the point a revenue officer has chiefly to look to. The enhancement should in no way check the grass trade, the prices in which ever tend upwards and yield handsome profits to the contractor class.
20. I now come to the question of the future treatment of the 'Mal' lands, I think there can be no doubt that the greater portion of them are better fitted to grow grass than anything else, and that it should be distinctly laid down as the aim and object of the district administration to improve their quality on these
lines, I think there is every chance that these lands will improve if properly conserved, and that it is clear that fitful cultivation only decreases their value for the purpose for which nature intended them. I do not, however, propose that the Collector should be completely fettered in his discretion as regards the disposal of the lands, but he would ordinarily keep the main object-grass-grow-
ing-in view.
21. There is another possible use for these lands, which Government might desire to encourage. In 1893 the late Mr. Cooke directed me to plant bábuls in the 'Mál' lands near Antisar in North Kapadvanj. I selected a site, but left the district before the seed was sown. I heard, however, subsequently that the seed had sprouted and that there was some chance of success. I should say from what I know of Thásra that a similar experiment is likely to be more successful in that táluka. At any rate, the Panch Maháls Forest Officer might be requested to try. If bábul reserves could be created in this part of the district which largely depends on outside for its wood, the benefit would be inestimable.
22. As regards the fruit trees mentioned in Mr. Maconochie's paragraph 63, it appears that the revenue is a fluctuating one and depends on the number of trees bearing fruit every year. The revenue is a very small one, but the Maleks have to be considered in case the abolition of the revenue is to be recommended. I do not myself see why Government should forego this revenue, but it is desirable that the occupants should become the owners of the trees, if they so wish. I would, therefore, beg-to recommend that the trees be offered to the occupants at ten times the average annual revenue of the last 5 years, and that the Maleks be compensated by receiving their share proportionate to the amount of revenue they derive from the village.
23. Mr Maconochie's paragraph 64 appears to be mere surplusage. The question of agricultural land appropriated for other purposes appears to have no connection with a survey settlement report. Any particular cases that arise can be dealt with by the Collector under the ordinary revenue law.
24. In conclusion, I would beg to recommend that the rates be generally approved with the modifications respectfully suggested by me, and introduced with effect from the commencement of the revenue year 1895-96, and guaranteed for the usual 30-year period,

> I have the honour to be, Sin, Your most obedient Servant, -W. DODERET, Collector of Kaira, Through the Survey and Settlement Commissioner, Poona,

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\text { No. } \frac{\mathrm{B} .}{1061} \text { of } 1895
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From
E. C. oZANNE, Esqutre, Survey Commissioner, and Director Land Records and Agriculture, To

The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, Revenue Department. Máhábaleshvar, 27 th April 1895. SIR,

I have the honour to submit Mr. Maconochie's proposals for a revision of rates in the Thásra Táluka of Kaira for sanction. The proposals have been reviewed by the Deputy Superintendent, who about the same time himself submitted proposals for the revision of the adjoining táluka of Kapadvanj. On one important subject, the treatment of 'mal' land, Mr. Fernandez' opinion is given chiefly in the Kapadvanj report, but this will not cause confusion, inasmuch as the Collector has forwarded his comments on both settlements, and both will be together for the consideration of Government.

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2. The disposal of these two settlements will complete the revision settlements of the Kaira District, and there is some reason to hope that the new rates may be introduced in the current year. To facilitate this desirable end, I shall endeavour to curtail my comments as much as possible.
3. I have spent a good deal of time in both Thásra and Kapadvanj to form my own opinion, and especially to study the conditions of ' mál ' land, on which so much depends.
4. I was accompanied by the Agricultural Chemist to the Government of India, and for a time by Professor Middleton, Professor of Agriculture at the Baroda College. Both tallukas were also visited by the Superintendent of Farms, and Mr. Mehta, who went purposely to report on 'mal' and 'usar' land, the latter kind of land, however, being oftener met with in Kapadvanj. I need not burden my remarks with extracts from the reports submitted, but as Professor Middleton had the advantage of perusing Mr. Mollison's and Mr. Mehta's reports; I append his opinion in full. It is an opinion which I wholly accept, as the fullest and most correct description of the characteristics of mál land. Dr. Leather has not been able to send me a report in time. He has taken numerous samples of soil and water in mal and usar tracts for analysis, and his report must await the analysis. It will not be available for study unless the introduction of the settlements is delayed. For this there is no necessity. 'Dr. Leather's analytical results will not be essential to a right decision on the treatment of mál, though they will be important as a guide to the management of such lands by the Collector, and may also lead to some measures for improvement. Mr. Middleton took full advantage of the test holes dug by Dr. Leather in his enquiry, I need only add that our tour took in typical tracts of mál and usar throughout both tálukas.

I may divide my comments thus:-
(1) Mál land.
(2) Grouping and rating.
(3) Subsoil water rating.
(4) Other subjects.
5. Mr. Fernandez thinks that the mal land should be wholly re-classed He urges that the old scales under which black soil of full depth and without faults was classed at 16 annas, and light or gorádu soil at 15 annas, were rad:cally wrong, as in his opinion the relative fertility of sweet goradu and mál land is really more correctly in the proportion of 2 to 1 . He attributes the infertility of mál land to the existence of an impervious layer of lime beyond the depth to which the test holes made by the classers reach. That is not always or generally so, for the lime layer often commences at a depth of 6 inches. Re-classification could not correct any error of the original classification in this direction, for classers cannot dig much deeper than they did. Again, this layer of sticky clay impregnated with lime does not always underlie a black surface soil. I think it is proved that the relative value of the mál and other lands if re-classed would not differ from that fixed at original survey. Mr. Fernandez would indeed make a great difference by putting the maximum classification of mal land at 8 instead of 16 annas, but such a lowering of the valuation of mál can be effected without re-classification, i.e., as I may at once say in the manner adopted at original survey and imitated in Mr. Maconochie's proposals with my fullest concurrence by lowering the maximum rate on villages in the mall tract, which is perfectly wellknown and easily distinguishable by the total absence of large trees. Captain Prescott was fully aware of the infertility of mál lands. He did think they could be converted into good agricultural lands by drainage, which was a mistaken idea, as has been proved. As to the table appended to Mr. Fernandez' report showing that the average classification of mall villages is nearly as high as that of the fertile villages out of the treeless tract, I need only say that if Captain Prescott had rated mál villages at a figure approaching that of the rating of the non-mal villages, he would have been greatly to blame; but he did not do so. He saw, as I think I see clearly now, that as he had to deal with an element of infertility which could not be met in classification, he had to deal with it in the maximum rates. Mr. Fernandez urges that this is contrary to the fundamental principles of the Joint Report. I do not agree. I am convinced that in mál villages the relative valuation is as correct as classification
under survey methods can make it, and, therefore, $I$ amn not afraid to say that we have met with a case not foreseen by the authors of the Joint Report. Mr. Fernandez went so far as to send classers to pick out mál numbers in villages, intending, if wholesale re-classification were not sanctioned, to lower the valuation on mál numbers. I could not allow any such tampering with the classification, for the classers were not supervised, and my personal enquiries and examination have proved to me that no one can thus pick out numbers in which the old valuation was too high, without running a sure risk of passing over fields, just as difficult to cultivate, which apparently were classed rightly. Again, such elimination would assuredly result in a most unfair over-valuation of numbers which have been improved by manuring since the old valuation was made.
6. There is much in all the reports now submitted regarding mál land which is valuable and important; and I need say little more.

I will put in a few sentences the final conclusions-
(1) Mal land is a most unkindly soil to till. Rice is the only crop which will pay, and rice can only be cultivated with profit when the position is favourable, and when the lowering of the surface soil to form the rice bed does not expose the lime substratum,
(2) But it is excellent grass land, yielding generally grod qualities of grass fit for cutting and export. The mál traet is in this respect in position close to the rail and close to the congested Charotar of very great value. But tillage injures its grass-producing qualities in a marked manner. This is abundantly proved. No further attempt should then be made by favourable leases, or in any other way, e. g., by low assessments, to induce cultivation. Rather should every effort be directed to keep the land as far as possible for grass and grass alone. I do not believe that bábul plantations will succeed. But growth of bábul if successful would improve and not injure mál land as à grass reserve.
(3). No assessment for subsoil water advantage can be justified in mál land because its cultivation by irrigation is unprofitable.:
7. Grouping and Rating.-There are two factors which combine to produce "patchiness" in grouping, one the necessity for a" low rating for mal villages, and the other the conditions and tenure of the malleki villages. Both these factors are permanent. There-is indeed another factor, which is temporary, the backwardness of some villages inhabited by Kolis.
8. The Deputy Superintendent accepts the proposed grouping, and so does the Collector as regards the máleki villages save in the case of Nadadra. He looks forward to greater regularity at future revisions. This I have said is impossible, for the factor which causes irregularity is permanent, as long as the máleki tenure survives. As to Nadadra, the difficulty arises solely from the unduly low rating at original survey. The established method of dealing with such cases at revision is that suggested by Mr. Fernandez, that it be rated according to its natural position in the 5th group, but that the difference between the assessment at the rate of that group, and at a rate of Rs. 2-4-0, should be treated as remission. It is, however, more according to precedent to grant the remission for 15 years, and then on a special report to decide whether the remission should be wholly or in part continued. The Collector suggests no change in the grouping of the Government villages, but claims that in certain cases the application of the subsoil water rules is doubtful. I may state that I examined Mr. Maconochie's grouping on the spot with him, and that I need therefore do no more than advise its acceptance. It is not regular but it is just. It gives due consideration to the reasonable claims of the máleks, and above all rightly draws the line of demarcation in the Government villages between mál tracts and non-mál tracts. Thus the group boundary of the 6th group on the east and on the south is perfectly correct. This is true even in the case of Vajelao, which appears oddly grouped, and also in the case of Golaj, though the lands of this village project into the mál on the west. It is also true as regards the villages of Bordi and Sui on the one hand and Sahiat and Amratpura on the other. I have verified this line by personal examination. It is also verifiable by an inspection of the Trigonometrical sheets.
9. As to the rating no objection is taken, though naturally if the mál villages are re-classed or if the classification valuation is lowered, the rate of Group IV might, as regards the western batch, be raised to Rs. 4-4-0 and of the northern batch to Rs. 3-12-0 and that of Group VI to the latter figure. I have given reasons why no such action is necessary or advisable. As the Collector says, it does not follow from Mr. Fernandez' arguments that the classification of grass land-quâ grass land-is wrong. With reference to Mr. Doderet's remarks at the close of his 20th paragraph, I do not think the Collector's hand should be altogether fettered, but I do think that, as he agrees, no lease to induce cultivation of mál should be sanctioned. Further, that it is unfair on the villagers that all the grass land in any tract should be given out to speculators or capitalists. I found instances where this action had unreasonably affected villages. Thus in Samalpura and Golaj there is hardly any grazing for the villagers, unless they buy the right from capitalists to whom the grass lands have been rented on very favourable terms, undoubtedly with the object of inducing cultivation to relieve the congested Charotar, but in reality to enable the lessees to drive a fine trade in grass. Some at least of these leases are now expiring and should not be renewed.
10. Subsoil water-rates.-All the reporting officers, even Mr. Fernandez, for a special reason (paragraph 16), concur that no subsoil water assessment should be placed on mál villages. This will exclude all villages of Groups IV to VI, for all villages in these groups, on which a charge for subsoil water is proposed, are mál villages. Mr. Fernandez shows a mistake in Appendix Q ${ }^{(2)}$. The figure for column 4 opposite Ekalvelu should be 253, by oversight entered against Aklacha, No. 51, which is a Máhi bank village and not amenable to any subsoil water charge. A special recommendation for the same treatment is proposed for Ekalvelu and Golaj of Group II, and for three máleki villages (Nos. 43,45 and 49 ) of Group III, on the ground that there was little or no old well "kasar" and now no garden cultivation worthothe name. Two other villages (Jakhed and Wanoti of Group I) are mentioned in Mr. Maconochie's paragraph 62 , but apparently by inadvertence omitted from the list given at the end of the paragraph. Mr. Fernandez is perfectly right in urging that to strike off the charge merely because there were no wells at original survey would be absurd. On the other hand weight must be given to the fact that even now there are none or very few. I regret to have to state that I visited Golaj and found no justification at all for any subsoil water charge, even under the rules. The assessment there is purely a mistake of the classer. Enquiries seemed to indicate that a similar mistake has been made in Ekalvelu adjoining. I have no reason to suspect that such mistakes were common or that other cases can be found. But as I did find one clear mistake, I have ordered the Deputy Superintendent to send a classer to revise the subsoil water assessments in villages Nos. $1,8,23,27,32,33,39,44,45$ and 49 . The assessments as proposed may be sanctioned, therefore, subject to consideration on the separate report which will be submitted.

The report will give detail as to the number of existing wells for irrigation, and the present state of garden cultivation. We are dealing with a Koli population, and it is perfectly credible that facilities for profitable irrigation exist, which are not in any way used, but which is the duty of the survey classer to assess.

This point has received great prominence recently in the rulings of Govern. ment regarding the position class in the Konkan.
11. Miscellaneous.-As to trees I think that the Collector's opinion in his paragraph 24 may be accepted.

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\text { I have the honour to be, } \\
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\text { Your most obedient Servant, } \\
\text { E. C. OZANNE, } \\
\text { Survey Commissioner, and } \\
\text { Director, Land Records and Agriculture. }
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Through the Commissioner, N. D,

## Memorandum on the ' Mal', Soil of Thasra Taluka, Kaira District, by alr. T. H. Middleton, Professor of Agriculture, Baroda College.

The surface soil of the Mál country is of variable character, it is chiefly a heavy loam dark brown or black in colour, but occasionally a light-coloured sandy soil (gorádu). There appears to be little or nothing in the upper surface to distinguish the land of Mál villages from the ordinary land of the district. The peculiar vegetation and distinctive characters of Mál land are due to the calcareous subsoil, which is usually found at from $6^{\prime \prime}$ to 4 feet below the surface. This subsoil is of an open and porous character, and seems usually to be several feet in thickness. I examined it in a number of nalas, holes, \&c., in sections varying from 3-6 feet deep, and to this depth the subsoil was always calcareous and open. At the village of Samalpura I had an opportunity of seeing a deep section in a new well being dug, the upper soil was goradu to a depth of three feet, then followed five feet of the open subsoil, znd beneath, as far as the well had been sunk ( 30 feet), there lay a sticky yellow clay impreg-' nated with kanker. I regret that I had only. one opportunity of seeing this deep layer. I suspect that it underlies the subsoil of all Mdl land (hence the general absence of large trees) and that the large quantity of lime formed in the subsoil is partly due to this impervious bed.

The agricultural peculiarities of ordinary mol land are easily explained by its physical characters. The clay surface soil is unsuitable for the crops of goradu districts which cannot stand stagnant water in the rainy season, and the chalky subsoil unfits the land for growing the crops that naturally thrive on clay soil. After the monsoon has passed the land dries up very quickly, and only in wet seasons can it mature those of the cold weather crops which want least moisture.

Mál is quite unsuited for the most valuable irrigated crops, it combines the disadvantages of both clay and sandy soils without any of the corresponding advantages, and except when fit for rice-growing, it is likely to prove ruinous to the cultivator.

Mal soil when two to three feet deep may form very fair rice-land, rice being the one crop which can live in mud in the monsoon and which matures in the kharif season; but when the upper surface is too shallow for rice cultivation the villagers must depend upon bavto and kodra. These inferior crops are cultivated under such difficulties that it is not urprising to find that cultivators fight shy of this class of land. The unhealthy cimate, the thieving propensities of the inhabitants and the high assessment have been given as reasons why immigrants do not settle permanently in moll villages. Apart altogether from these drawbacks, the difficulties under which cultivation is carried on would prevent settlers prospering on mál land. These purely agricultural drawhacks are:-
(1) The trouble involved in preparing soil for sowing. After rain it takes several days before the land comes into condition for the plough, and then should dry weather ensue it gets hard so quickly that a cultivator will have the greatest difficulty in getting the soil into proper tilth. The opportunities for working the land are much fewer on mal than on goradu, and in an ordinary season a pair of bullocks would plough and sow twice as much of the latter as they would of the former soil.
(2) Diffieulty in preparing for sowing involves a risk of losing the sowing season, and perhaps the bulk of the crop.
(3) Mal will be much harder to hoe and to weed than goradu, and if the season be a wet one, weeds must do great damage to the kodra and bavto crops.
(4) In goradu soil the cultivator is able to grow fuer and tul with his kodra, and in a good season the mixed crop may be worth Rs. 50 per acre. Tuer and tul do not grow on mal and the kodra sown by itself will seldom beg worth Rs. 25. In wet seasons it is frequently ' mina' or poisonous.

In my opinion Moul land is not fit for the plough and ought to remain under grass: Much of it grows find foddei grasses, such as Jinguco (Andropogon pertusus) and Gandhi (Issilema laxum). If this grass land is broken up for cultivation, the result will be in the future, as it has been in the past, that cultivators will throw it up in disgust after a few years' cropping, and then it will take 20 years or more before the grass land will recover its former value. I saw some fields in the centre of a good grass tract that had been broken up ten years ago cultivated for three years and then allowed to lie waste. The grass on these fields was far inferior to that of the surrounding land, and it will be many years before it is worth as much as it was before the soil came under the plough.

I saw very little goradu mal when in Thásra, and so cannot say confidently why it should be wetter than ordinary goradu is during the monsoon, but I believe that this land, if wet, will be found either to be low lying (ow4) or overlying an impervious yellow clay like that in Samalpura well. If this clay dayer were to approach within 3-4 feet of the surface, the soil would remain sodden for a long time after heary falls of rain.

T. H. MIDDLETON,<br>Baroda College:

25th March 1895.

No. 1797 of 1895.

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Camp Bandra, 10th May 1895.

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2. The Thasra Táluka is in many ways behind the adjoining Kaira Tálukas on the west. The large area of Mál lands and the backward character of the large Koli population are two of the principal factors in this inferiority. The Sbedhi river in its curious meandering course is a source of much harm and little good.
3. On the other hand, the has been a very marked improvement in the communications. The rail-road from Ánand and its recent extension affect almost the whole talluka, while the Dákor-Kapadvanj Road is of the greatest benefit to the Mal grass lands. The rise of prices is not considerable, but the rise in wages shows a decided improvement in the standard of living, and the rates for sales and mortgages and leases of land are very fair, though they do not compare favourably with the richer tálukas.
4. Mr. Maconochie's proposals have run the gauntlet of considerable criticism, but all the officers who have written on the subject consider that the rates may be accepted and that the grouping is as satisfactory as it can be considering the two factors of the rates on Maleki villages and the very large number of original groups.
5. There is only' one village about the grouping of which there is any difference of opinion, that is Nadadra. The Collector would put it at once into group VI, but as the difficulty is owing to its erroneous rating at the original settlement, Mr. Maconochie's plan which is recommended by the Survey Commissioner may be followed.

Mr. Fernandez has drawn special attention to the little progress that has been made in the villages of the old Mahudha Taluka, but a glance at the map will show that they have been leniently treated.
6. As to subsoil water-rates, there is now no dispute about the villages in groups $V$ and VI. Mr. Ozanne has accepted the recommendation that theseshould not be charged. With reference to the 10 villages in which he has ordered a revision of the subsoil water-rate, this includes all those in which the Collector
recommended remission of this rate, except No. 35, Khijalpur Wánto. This should have the benefit of a similar enquiry. This will effect a considerable reduction in the total increase.
7. The important question of mál land concerns this táluka and the adjoining Kapadvanj, and it seems that Mr. Fernandez has written at length in his Kapadvanj report which is not yet received. It has, however, been discussed at considerable length in these papers, and Mr. Middleton's report is very interesting. It is pretty clearly shown that except in some parts favourably situated for rice cultivation, the Mál lands are of little value for agriculture. But this does not necessarily involve Mr. Fernandez's conclusion that the assessment on them is too high. It is proved beyond doubt that they are very valuable for grass growing and grazing, and that the fortunate location of the Kapadvanj Road and the Stations at Dákor and Thásra provides a ready outlet for all the grass that may be grown. Under these circumstances the rates are not too high. The attention of the Revenue authorities has already been attracted to the mistake of trying to get this land broken up for cultivation, but there is still some reason for the caution that the interests of the villagers should be safeguarded when giving leases of large areas to speculators.
8. Mr. Maconochie's remarks on the subject of lands appropriated for other than agricultural purposes ( paragraph 64) are, as the Collector remarks, somewhat beside the mark.
9. In conclusion, the Commissioner would recommend that the proposals be sanctioned though he would be glad to see a remission of the subsoil water-rate of the 11 villages alluded to in para. 5. It is true that the progress of the taluka has not been so marked as its richer neighbours, but it has improved considerably, and it is to be remembered that there is much cause to hope that the Kolis, who were at one time one of the most turbulent classes in Gujarát, will continue to improve in the same proportion as they have already done.

> G. B. REID,
> Commissioner, N. D.

Revenue Survey and Assessment: Revision Survey Settlement of the Thásra Táluku of the Kaira District.

## No. 5135 of 1895. <br> Bombay Castle, 8th July 1895.

Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 1797, dated 10th. May 1895-Suh-
*Letter from Mr. E. Maconochie, I.C.S., Survey Settlement Officer, No. 55, dated 13 th March 1895, with accompaniments.
No. 55, dated 13th March 1895, with accompaniments.
No. 348, dated 23rd March 1895.
Netter from the Collector of Kaira, No 1291, dated 20th April 1895.

Letter from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Re cords and Agriculture, No. S-1061, dated 27th April 1895.
mitting, with his remarks, the papers* noted in the margin, containing proposals for the revision settlement of the Thásra Táluka of the Kaira District.

Memorandum from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agricaltare, No. S-1243, dated 18th May 1895.
Resolution.-These papers contain proposals for the revision settlement of the Thásra Taluka of Kaira District. At the original settlement in 1864, the Government and Máleki villages, which numbered 53 and 27 respectively, were separately dealt with, as the peculiar circumstances of the latter group of villages required special consideration. Now there is no reason for a wide difference in treatment, and the proposals submitted deal with both these classes of villages. The total number at present contained in the táluka is 85 ( 58 Goverrment and 27 Maleki), the increase of 5 since the original settlement being due to the transfer of 17 villages on the west from Mahudha, counterbalanced by the transfer of 6 on the south and 6 on the north to A'nand and Kapadvanj respectively. Revision measurement and classification operations have been of the usual partial nature, the original work having been confirmed wherever possible.
2. The material progress made by the talluka during the currency of the expiring settlement has been considerable. Communications have been imexroved by the construction of a branch railway from Anand, by the bridging of the Shedhi river which traverses the táluka in three places, and by the opening of through road communication with Kapad anj and Balasinor: facilities which have brought into existence a large trade in grass with Bombay, Surat, and other places and have greatly increased the value of the otherwise inferior soils which produce it. Population has not risen in numbers so much as might have been expected considering how sparsely inhabited the co matry is; but the figures for nearly all forms of agricultural wealth show a very marked increase, which is the more remarkable as the period to which they relate covers only two-thirds of the lease. As regards markets the taluka is fairly well off, especially the villages towards the south, as, in addition to the taluka town, they enjoy easy access to Dákor, an important Hindu shrine, where the monthly assemblies of pilgrims insure a ready sale for the minor articles of agricultural produce, and to Umreth, which next to Nadiad is the most important grain market in the district. The revenue history of the taluka, if the Mahndba villages be excluded, has on the whole been fair; for, though a series of unfavourable seasons in the second decade of the lease resulted in a large area of land falling out of cultivation, and consequently reduced the revenue, during the last ten years there has been a steady recovery, especially in Máleki villages, and the figures for 1892-93 show an advance over those for the first decade, which, baving regard to the fact that the latter were influenced by the stimulus of the cotton mania, may be considered as satisfactory. In the Mahudha villages the figures do not, as Mr. Fernandez shows, quite justify the favourable deductions which Mr. Maconochie has drawn from them; but as special care has been taken in framing the present proposals to subject these villages to an extremely light enhancement it is clear that their peculiar circumstanges have received full consideration.
3. In considering the question of grouping and rates there are two points to which special attention must be given. These are (i) the settlement of the Máleki villages; (ii) the question of the classification and assessment of mál lands,

The Máleki villages, twenty-seven in number, are situated in a group in the north-east corner of the taluka and were first settled in 1864, when it was arranged that the Máleks, who had previously managed their own villages and paid part of the revenue to Government, should hand them over to Government for management and receive in return a certain share of the assessment. The rates prevailing in these villages before the settlement were higher than those sanctioned for the Government villages adjoining; but in introducing the settlement it was found necessary to continue them, as to reduce them would have been to inflict on the Máleks a loss which they were unwilling to sustain. A reduction at the present time is for similar reasons impossible; and the Settlement Officer has therefore been compelled to propose rates above those which according to purely survey considerations would have been justifiable.

As regards the mal lands, the question of their treatment has already been discussed in paragraph 3 of the Government Resolution No. 5134, dated 8th July 1895, on the Kapadyanj revision settlement : the orders therein issued should be held to apply to the present case.

## 4. Mr. Maconochie proposes to divide the táluka into six groups with rates as follows;-

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| II | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots 4$ | $3-8$ |
| III | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots 4-4$ | $3-4$ |
| IV | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots 3$ | $2-12$ |
| V | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots 3-4$ | $2-4$ |
| VI | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots 2-12$ | $1-12$. |

In his first group he places the taluka town and 15 khálsa villages lying to the south of it and in fair proximity to the railway line and the market towns of Dakor and Umreth. He is also compolled by the peculiar circumstances

## of the Máleki settlement to add 11 Málekí villages to the north-east of the táluka town.

In his second group he includes 4 villages near the táluka town, but separated from it by the Shedhi, 8 on the east (one of them a Maleki village) and 3 in the south-west corner which are close to Dmreth

The third group is composed of 8 Máleki vallages, 4 on the Máhi banks and 4 on the edge of the mál tract; while the fourth contains 3 Maleki villages lying in the mal tract to the north, 9 khalsa villages situated on the Máhi banks, and 7 in the western mál tract, but in fair proximity to Dákor. The fifth contains 4 Máleki villages and 1 khálsa village situated in the mál tract to the north, and the sixth, 11 khalsa villages in the worst part of the mál to the north-west. The percentage enhancements resulting from these rates are as follows:-

| I | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $17 \cdot 2$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| II | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $29 \cdot 6$ |
| III | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $12 \cdot 2$ |
| IV | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $22 \cdot 2$ |
| VI | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $25 \cdot 0$ |
|  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $7 \cdot 5$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | $\overline{19 \cdot 1}$ |

Mr. Maconochie's proposals are accepted after a close and critical examination by the Collector and the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, the only point on which there is a difference of opinion being the rating of Nadodra, which is placed by Mr. Maconochie in the fifth group with a rate of Rs. 2-12-0, but which in the opinion of the Collector should, in view of the high increment entailed by Mr. Maconochie's proposals (76.7), be placed in group VI. Mr. Ozanne suggests that it should be left in group V , and the difference between the assessment at Rs. 2-12-0 and that at Rs. $2.4-0$ for a period of 15 years should be remitted, and in this view Government concur.
5. As regards the assessment for subsoil water facilities, it is admitted by all the officers who have recorded opinions that some remission is necessary, but there is some difference of opinion as to the villages in which the relief should be granted. 'I he Suivey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture suggests that the assessment should be taken off altogether in groups IV, V and VI in
which all the villages that have been assessed for subsoil water advantages are mal
*(1) Aarangpura, (8) Jakhed, (23) Thásra, (27) Vanoti, (32) Ekalvelu, (33) Golaj, (39) Pipalvada, (44) Dabhali, (45) Jargal and (49) Palaia.
villages. As regards the villages* specifed in the margin in which remission has been proposed either by Mr. Maconochie or the Collector, Mr. Ozanne states that a personal inspection of one of them has made him doubtful of the accuracy of the classification. He has accordingly directed that a further examination should be made, on the completion of which he will submit a further report to Government. His suggestion as regards groups IV, V and VI is approved, and his further report on the other villages will be awaited; he should, however, add to his list Nos. 35 and 34, Khijalpur Vánto and Khijalpur Talpad, which seem to have as good grounds for remission as any of the others.
6. Subject to these orders and to such modifications as may be necessitated by any petitions of objection received hereafter the rates proposed by Mr. Maconochie are approved and may be guaranteed for thirty years. In working out the assessment, the wholly descending distance from village scale, the use of which has been proposed in the adjoining táluka of Kapadvanj, should be applied
7. As regards the question of trees in Máleki villages, Government consider that the best plan will be to leave watters as they stand. There does not seem to have been any complaint on the part of.the inhabitants of those villages regarding the present system, and Government cannot see that any adequate cause has been shown for disturbing an arrangement which has existed for many years, and introducing another at some cost to Government merely in order to

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secure uniformity in what after all is not a matter of very great consequence, as regards the matter referred to in paragraph 64 of Mr. Maconochie's report, it appears to Government that it is not one that should be dealt with in a settleas rears to Government that it is it are therefore not required.
ment report, and that orders on

Under Secretary to Government. .

## To:

The Commissioner, N. D., The Collector of Kaira, The Survey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agriculture, The Accountant General, The Publio Works Department of the Secretariat, $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { tariat, } \\ \text { The Government of India, } \\ \text { The Secretary of State for India, }\end{array}\right\}$ By letter.

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From

E. C, OZANNE, Esq., I.C.S.,

Survey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agriculture, Bombay,

To

## Thr SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, Revenue Department.

Poona, 9th November 1895.
Sir,
I have the honor to submit the report called for in paragraph 5 of the orders on the Thassra revision settlement.

Government approved of the proposal made in the reports that the charge for subsoil water under the sanctioned rules should not apply to the villages of groups IV to VI, on the ground that irrigation is not profitable in "Mal" land.

The Survey Settlement Officer who submitted the Thásra proposals thought
that a similar concession should be permitted in the
case of some other ${ }^{*}$ villages named in the margin. His contention was that at original survey the garden
"Kasar" was either very insignificant or absent, and that the irrigation, if any, in these villages was not profitable. This last reason however was specially

8 Jakhed, 27 Vanoti, 32 Ekalvelu, 33 Golaj, 44 Da bhali, 45 Jargal, and 49 Pa laia, the last three being "Maleki" villages. applied to "Mal" villages, which the villages named are not.

The old "Kasar" was by no means insignificant in amount in Vanoti, and it is not hard to see that the high enhancement helped to induce Mr. Maconochie to recommend it for some special concession.
2. The Collector added to the list of villages the four villages named in

1 Aurangpara.
${ }_{23} \mathrm{Kh}$ ijalpur Vanto.
${ }_{3} 3$ Thábra.
39 Pipalrada. the margin, on the ground that no "Kasar" was affixed at original surveg. In Thásra however, as Appendix $Q^{2}$ shows, there was a small Kasar of Rs. 24 , small in comparison with the large proposed charge (Rs, 543) for subsoil water advantage.
Government ordered the addition of 34 Khijalpur Talpad, and directed the submission of a special report, after the inquiry suggested by me , on the fairness of the proposed assessment for subsoil water.
3. Enquiry as regards all but the two Khijalpurs was made prior to tl issue of the orders of Government, and the papers have been retained pending a re-examination of the facts of those two villages. The Commissioner on a that village to the list.
4. I think it desirable to dispose of the question of concession in the 10 villages which have been re-examined for subsoil water by a different classer from that who did the original classification, the latter working wholly independently. I shall take each village separately.

No. 1 Aurangpura. There was no Kasar at original survey. The classer lately deputed, reports that no charge for subsoil water is leviable under the rules. The only well is one for drinking. The original classer, who classed for subsoil water in 1892, failed to observe that there is a stratum of hard rock near the surface which makes well digging very difficult. The village is small, and the cancellation of the small charge of Rs. 102 for subsoil water will lower the enhancement from 22 to 9 per cent. The charge should at once be struck off.

No. 8 Jakhed. There was no old Kasar. Besides drinking wells, there are 11 sweet field wells, and another with slightly brackish water. Possibly all have been dug since the original survey. The second classer confirms the opinion of the former, except that he thinks the former under-rated the facility possessed. The wells have been dug by Brahmins and Vanias, though the population is largely composed of Kolis. The village is not Mal, and fair garden crops are grown. I see no reason to recommend any reduction of subsoil water charge. The enhancement of Appendix Q. of the report ( $47 \cdot 5$ per cent) apparently helped to secure the inclusion of Jakhed in the list for enquiry, but the operation of the village from distance soale and the detailed calculations of assessment show that the actual enhancement is $37 \cdot 4$ per ceni.

- No. 23 Thásra. The old Kasar was Rs. 24, the subsoil assessment Rs. 543.

There are twenty-two field wells, of which'19 are perfectly sweet. Chillies and vegtables are regular garden crops, and tobacco is occasionally irrigated. Sugarcane has been grown. The 2nd classer estimates the area liable to the charge at a higher figure than the old. I see no reason to recommend any concession. The net enhancement of the village is found on working out the assessments to be only 17 per cent as compared with the estimate of 23 per cent.

No. 27 Vanoti. The Kasar was Rs, 77 as against the subsoil water assessment of Rs. 411. There are 11 field wells, all having sweet water. I camped at the village, and think that the subsoil water charge should not be foregone. The 2nd classer confirms the estimate made by the former. The village is poor undoubtedly, as most of the cultivators are Kolis. But the high enhancement of the estimate of Appendix Q. (39 per cent) works out to an actual enhancement of 27 per cent.

No. 32 Ekalvelu. Here the classer of 1892 over-estimated the liability, as the estimate of, and the facts adduced by, the revising classer prove. There is only one well for irrigation. More might be dug, but the village borders on the Mral tract, and though by the strict application of the rules a charge for subsoil water should be made, the facts tend to show that there is small profit in irrigation. I would recommend a remission of the charge for subsoil water, which will reduce the enhancement from 34 per cent estimated, or 28 per cent actual to 16.7 per cent.

No. 33 Golaj. The revising classer finds that by the rules double the area estimated by the classer of 1892 should be assessed for subsoil water. But I see no reason to change the opinion expressed in my forwarding report on Thásra. There are only 4 field wells, one of which was dug -as a cattle-watering well. The classer in 1892 as well as the classer in 1894 found no garden cultivation at all: Both report that insignificant garden cultivation has occasionally been made, There are numerous Patidars, and the non-uss of the wells proves that the utilization is unprofitable. It is not a case where backward Kolis fail to use existing facilities. It is probable that the reported occasional
cultivation was experimental and that its non-continuance was due to failure. It will not be safe to assess the village for subsoil water. It borders on the Mal. The estimated enhanoement of Appendix Q. was 34 per cent, which was reduced to an actual enhancement of 25 per cent. If the subsoil water charge is struck off the increase will be 18 per cent.

No. 39 Pipalvada. The village is large and the increment on account of subsoil water is so small that the actual enhancement will be reduced only from 18.8 to $16 \cdot 9$ per cent by its elimination. There are 5 kachha field wells, under which garden crops are grown, and there is nothing to show that profitable irrigation might not be extended. I think that the assessment for subsoil water should stand.

No. 44 Dabhali. As in the case of Pipalváda the revising classer did not find any under-estimation of subsoil water facilities by the classer of 1892. There are five field wells with slightly brackish water, but used for irrigating tobacco. A remission of the charge for subsoil water would reduce the revision assessment to a figure nearly 8 per cent below the assessment at original survey, and as among other reasons the village is "Maleki," I do not think that any change should be made.

No. 45 Jargal. The old Kasar was by no means insignificant. There are 7 irrigation wells used for barley and wheat, and one useless salt well. The assessment for subsoil water takes into count the quality of the water. The revising classer confirms the estimate of his predecessor. The village is Maleki, and the estimated enhancement due to revision rates amounts only to 7 per cent. The figures worked out show an actual enhancement of 12 per cent due to the increase since the year of the estimate of $\mathbf{1 1 3}$ acres in the occupied area. I see no reason to strike off the charge for subsoil water.

No. 49 Palaia. The estimated enhancement was 29.5 per cent. The actuals work out to 22.6. The remission of the charge for subsoil water would reduce this to 3.2 per cent. The revising classer thinks the estimate of 1892 excessive. He apparently did not allow sufficiently for the poor quality of the water. His estimate would add 361 on account of water, whereas the revising classer's estimate adds only Rs. 183. I think the village will be rightly treated if the revised classification is accepted.
5. So much for the 10 villages where the old work has been independently re-examined. It is a question whether Government now desire a similar re-exami, nation in the two Khijalpurs. I do not think it necessary. In the working out of the actual assessments the enhancements estimated at 33 and 36 respectively for Khijalpur Talpad and Khijalpur Vanto, are reduced to 22 and 19 per cent. If all the subsoil water charge is talen off, the further reduction would be to 19 and 14 per cent respectively. Neither village was recommended by Mr. Maconochie for remission, and I would ask that the cost of re-examination should be saved by retaining the special charge. As to Kosam too, 1 would not now adrise reconsideration. The enhancement is largely due to former low rating, and there is nothing in the position of the village to warrant a presumption that irrigation is unprofitable. I shall direct the Deputy Superintendent to await orders before incurring the expense of deputing a classer to Thásra again.

But as regards the 10 villages discussed in paragraph 4, I would ask for early orders to enable the Deputy Superintendent to make the necessary corrections before the current year's jamabandi which is to be made by the Collector in person.

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

## E. C. Ozanne,

Survey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agriculture,

Through the Commissioner, N. D., for early transmission to Government and with reference, as far as Kosam is concerned, to this office No. $\frac{\text { s }}{2581}$ of 28 th October 1895. A copy of the report will be sent to the Collector through the Deputy Superintendent for information.

## Revenue Survey and Assessment : Revision survey settlement of the Thásra Taंluka of the Kaira District.

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## Revenog Depabtment.

Bombay Castle, 6th January 1896.

Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 4885, dated 18th December 1895 Forwarding with his remarks one No. 3973, dated 21st November 1895, from the Collector of Kaira, together with a letter No. s.--2694, dated 9th idem, from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, who submits, with reference to paragraph 5 of Government Resolution No. 5135, dated 8th July | Anrangpura. |
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Khıjalpur Talpad. soil water advantage in the villages noted in the margin : and makes remarks: the Commiswioner observing as follows :-
"2. It will be seen that of the 10 villages mentioned in the margin of paragraph 5 of Government Resolntion No. 5135 of 8 th July, the Survey Commissioner recommends the abandonment of the subsoil water assessment in the 3 villages of Aurangpura, Ekalvelu and Golaj, and its retention in the other 7 villages, as also in the two Khijalpurs and in Kosam.
"3. The nndersigned soncurs with these reeommendations which have the support of Messrs. Frost and Doderet.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 4884, dated 18th December 1895-Forwarding with its accompaniment one No. s.-2727, dated 12th November 1895, from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture together with a letter No. 2827, dated 16th August 1895, from the Collector of Kaira, who forwards with his remarks 8 petitions of objection against the revised rates proposed for the villages in the Thásra Talluka of the Kaira District and sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 5135, dated 8th July 1895.

Resolution.-The proposals of the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, which are concurred in by the Commissioner, N. D., and the Collector, are accepted.

- 1. Khijalpar Vánto.

2. Khijalpur Talpad.
3. Kosam.

In the circumstances a re-examination of the soil of the 3 villages* referred to in paragraph 5 of Mr. Ozanne's letter is dispensed with.
2. The petitioners appear in some cases to have misunderstood the effect of the revised assessment, and they may be informed that Government have satisfied themselves that it is moderate and that there is no ground to interfere.
J. MONTEATH, Acting Secretary to Government

To
The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Collector of Kaira (with the petitions of objection),
The Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, The Accountant General,
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## INDEX TO THE CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE REVISION SURVEY SETTLEMENT OF THE BORSAD TALUKA OF THE KAIRA COLLECTORATE.



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## :- E. MACONOCBIE, Esquire,

To

## Survey Settlement Officer;

The COLLECTOR op KAIRA.
Camp Thásra, 19th January 1895.
Sin,
I have the honour to submit for the sanction of Government proposals for the revision settlement of the Borsad Taluka of your district.

1. The taluka was settled according to survey principles in 1867-68. By

Original settlement. Government Resolution No. 3318 of the 1st Septemyears from 1862-63, so that the settlement is now somewhat overdue. The settlement was carried out by Major C. J. Prescott, and was attended with many difficulties owing to the existence in a large proportion of the villages of the complicated Narvádári tenure. Thanks to the exertions of Major Prescott and his Assistants Messrs. Beyts and Shambhuprasád, these were successfully surmounted and no question in that connection now arises. For description of the Narva tenure I need only refer to Mr. Pedder's report No. 11 of 1862, Government Selection No. CXIV, page 3, and the account contained in Government Selection No. CCLXXVIII, pages 10, 11. In 1876-77, the two inámi villages of Kansári and Jesarwa, which had lapsed to Government, were also brought under settlement.
2. In the year 1864, the taluka was united with Nápad, and at the time Constitation of the taluka. ... of the settlement contained 111 villages. ' Of these, the present constitution of the taluka is as shown below :the present constitution of the taluka is as shown below :-


The present report deals only with the 72 Senja and Narva villages.
3. As in the other Kaira tálukas, the original measurement was confirmed and work was confined to the breaking up of oversized numbers and clubbed occupancies, and to the correction of the record.
4. The revision classification was on the same partial system, and the original work was accepted as correct.
statement shows the increase in the number of fields
Revision classification. resulting from the revision survey, and the percentage difference in area between the original and the new survey numbers:-


[^23]vision sarveys.
6. In the following statement the areas of the original and revision surveys are compared:-

7. The details of the above figures are shown below. The garden area of the original survey is now included in the rice and dry-crop areas :-

|  | By formiz Sustey |  |  |  | By Revibion Stevery. |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Goverument |  | Allenated. | Total, | Government. |  | Allonated, | Total. |
|  | Ocouppied, | Onqcrapled. |  |  | Ocempled, | Onoccupied. |  |  |
|  | Acres. | Acres. 133 | Äcres. <br> 37,769 | Acres. 75,813 | Acres. 41,075 | Àcres. | Acres, 38,114 | Acres. |
| Dry-crop $\quad \cdots$ |  | 26 | 2,025 | 5,864 | $f^{3,717}$ | 6 | -6,430 | O. R. ${ }^{79,1535}$ |
| Rice ... | 3,813 | 26 | 2,025 | 5,864 | ( 4,836 | $\cdots$ | 1,191 | N. R. 6,027 |
| Garden ... ${ }^{\prime \prime \prime}$ Uncultarable ... | 7,993 | 89.511 | 5,951 $\mathbf{1 7 8}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 13,944 \\ 8,689 \end{array}$ | $\cdots$ | 8,680 . | $\cdots 178$ | 89,789 |
| Total | 49,717 | 8,670 | 45,923 | 104,310 | 49,628 | 8,732 | 45,913 | 104,273 |

8. Borsad, the southernmost of the Kaira talukas, is bounded on the north

Bonndaries and Population. by A'nand, "on the east and south by the Máhi river, and on the west by Cambay and Baroda territory. Owing to the interlacing of Gáekwari and other villages, its shape is extremely irregular. Its area is 216 square miles, and the population according to the census of 1891, 162,143, giving an average density of 750 to the square mile as compared with 669 in 1872. If the 72 Government villages are taken alone, according to the special census taken last year, there are 132,367 souls to 162 square miles, giving a density of 817 or 62 more than in Nadiad. These are very remarkable figures. The highest density of any European country is 543 in Saxony, whilst the average density, of an English county is 540. And it must be remembered that whilst these countries are covered with densely populated manufacturing towns, the population of Kaira is almost purely agricultural.
9. The general appearance of the country, its soil and rivers, are described Physical aspect. by Major Prescott in paragraphs $8,9,10,12,13,14$
10. Two very important additions have been made to the roads within the

Roads. last year or two. A branch line from A'nand to Petlád the heart of the tobacco country, whilst a metalled road from Cambay to Petlid has enabled the western tobacco-growing villages, notably Virsad, to take full advantage of the facilities offered by the railway. A metalled road from Borsad to Agás Railway Station on the A'nand-Petlád line, 6 miles distant from Borsad, would be a most useful work. At present tho road is useless for wheeled traffic half the year, owing to accumulations of water. The Táluka Local Board has spent about Rs, 1,000 on culverts, but this has only effected ä trifling alleviation of the difficulty, and many carts take the longer road to Vásad.
11. Several of the western villages are still subject to floods. Major Floodg. excluded from the tafluka-a number of those that suffer, but the floods referred
to in paragraph 30 of Major Prescott's report remain to be considered. The A'nand flood whilst the cause of much.inconveniepce to the inhabitants of Nápa, Bochasan and one or two other villages, does notinjuriously affect the crops. The villages of Pandoli, Danteli andBámanwa, however, undoubtedly suffer considerably in a year of excessive rainfall, such as the present. Drainage cuts exist, but they are very apt to silt up, and there appears to be no systematic provision for their maintenance. I saw many acres of rice land in the three villages mentioned which were still submerged in December, and the crops of which had been almost completely destroyed. There can be no doubt that the cutting of one or two new channels and more systematic attention to the old would mitigate the evil, and the question is one for the consideration of the District Officers and Government. As Major Prescott states, however, damage is only occasioned when the rainfall is abnormal.
12. Statement $A$ shows the rainfall for the last eight years. The average is 36.34 , and that is about the amount that gives the most favourable outturn. Rice is only a minor consideration in the táluka, and excessive rain, such as has prevailed for the last three seasons, if early, necessitates resowing, and if late, spoils the bajri, which is the staple food, and according to the cultivators takes the strength (kas) out of the tobacco, and causes blight. The late cyclone did much damage but the cold weather crops have benefitted, and will no doubt compensate the loss to a great extent. It will be seen that in no year of the eight recorded has the rainfall been entirely favourable or the reverse.
13. Appendix $B$ shows the extent to which Crops. various crops are grown in the talluka. The percent. age of each area on the total cultivated area is given in the subjoined state-ment:-


| Oil-seeds. |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | - 0 | $1 \cdot 60$ |
| Sesame | ...0 | ... | . ${ }^{\circ}$ | 0.01 |
| Linseed | -00 | - 0 | ... | $0 \cdot 19$ |
| Castor-oil | $\cdots$ | -0. | ... | 0.01 |
| Safflower-1 | eed | -•• | ... |  |
| Others | ... | - |  | . |
|  |  |  | ... | 181 |
|  |  |  | .0® | 0.38 |
| Dyes | . |  |  |  |
| Fibers. |  |  |  |  |
| Cotton | -ロ! | ... | -. | 0.43 |
| Others | - | ... |  | $0 \cdot 43$ |
|  | - - |  |  | 1.84 |
| Class XI, including roots and tubers... |  |  |  |  |

14. It appears from this, that cereals occupy nearly 75 per cent. of the area. The greater portion of the jowári consists of the "Sundhia" variety which is purely a fodder crop. Bajri, together with the coarse grains kodra, bunti and báwta, forms the staple food of the people. Rice is not much grown except in one or two of the eastern villages. In many villages it is grown in ordinary jeráyet, mixed with kodra, tur and other crops. Such as there is, is consumed within the táluka, and a considerable quantity is imported from ont. side for the consumption of the well-to-do classes. The most important crop of the taluka is of course tobacco. Though the percentage is only $7 \cdot 41$ for the whole tálaka, its proportion in the western villages is nearer 30 per cent. Taking the figures from the Gazetteer and Statistical Atlas, it will be seen that the area had in 1886 increased to 7,404 from 4,259 in 1876-77. The area given in the Appendix is 7,058 , which seems to show that, for the present at any rate, cultivation of the herb is stationary. Low prices and unfavourable seasons have undoubtedly somewhat discouraged cultivators in the last year or two. The opening of the Petlód line and .still more of the Godhra Rutlam Railway ought to have important results in stimulating the trade. For, if no new markets liave been opened, communication with the old has been vastly facilitated. Prices are already on the rise, though how far the improvement may be credited to the railway it is impossible as get to say.

Apart from mangoes, of which thousands of cart-loads are sent away from all parts of the taluka, tur is the main export crop of the eastern villages as tobacco is of the western, and a large quantity goes from Vásad every year. Ghee appears to be the only other important article exported. As is the case with tobacco, it is bought by agents in the villages for the Bombay and other markets.

A small quantity of indigo is grown in Rás and one or tro neighbouring villages. The reason that it is not more cultivated is, as Major Prescott states, that the destruction of animalcula necessitated in the preparation of the dye is looked on as a sin, and there is a general agreement amongst the Pátidárs that it is not to be grown. The unpleasant smell produced in the process of manufacture is also a deterrent. Some inferior cotton is grown, cleaned by hand-gin, and brought to Borsad. It is there roughly pressed into bales and exported. Some 5,000 maunds are said to be sent array annually. $\sqrt{ }$
15. Manure and the deposit of it outside the village site is, as in Nadiad,

Manare. the cause of much heart-burning. Mr. Fernandez has dealt with the subject in his Nadiad report, and it is rates proposed hereatter, if the universal testimony of agriculturists is to be accepted, that the present method of giving effect to the sanitary policy of Government is seriously affecting one of the principal elements of fertility. Complaints are loud and universal, and the difference in ralue between the manure with which cultipators hare-interference and the desiccated sterilised rubbish least scientific observer, - now to content themselves must be obrious to the
16. The táluka is well off for markets. A large trade is carried on in Markets. Borsad with all the villages round, inclusive of those in Gáekwári territory. Virsad, Ankláv, Rás, Pandoli, ind Nápa attract a considerable quantity of produce from the villages in their mmediate neighbouthood. Major Prescott mentions Pipláv and Sunáv, but rery little business is done in either of them now. Outside the taluka, Petlád und A'nand, both important marts, are within easy reach of the western and jastern villages respectively. As Petlád, raised to the dignity of a railway erminus, has increased in importance, so the neighbouring villages, British and Gáekwarri, have declined; and Petlád may now he said to be the sole market of he north-western portion of the táluka. Vásad, as Major Prescott anticipatэd, has never become a market. Its importance as a place of embarkation, 1as been slightly, though not materially, reduced by the rise of Petlád, as the igures subjoined will show :-

| Years |  |  | Tons of Goods forwarded from |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Vasad. | Petliad. | Agas. |
| 1890 | ... | ... | 10,176 | ... | . ${ }^{\circ}$ |
| 1891 | ... | ..' | 10,859 | 7,716 | 194 |
| 1892 | . $*$ |  | 10,375 | 7,788 | 2,401 |
| 1893 | ... | ... | 8,783 | 6,488 | 1,899 |
| 1894 (to 30th June) .. |  |  | 6,975 | 4,755 | 2,159 |

17. One fair only is held in the táluka at Pipláv, on the 8th of Bhádarva Sudh, or in the first week of September. It is attended by some 25,000 people, mostly of the Koli and low castes, Fairs. who come to worship at the shrine of the Ashápuri Mátás, the presiding deit
18. From Appendix $D$ it will appear that nearly 75 per cent. of the population is agricultural, as compared with 70 in A'nand and 65 in Nadiad. Something over 69 per cent. has Details of population. and 65 in Naina. © interest in the land, and the remaining percentage is composed of labourers. an interest in the land, and the remaining percentage a report of the Mámlatdár written in 1891, will be of interest as showing the extent to which land is passing out of the hands of the cultivating class into those of money-lenders. The first shows the number of holdings entered in the village accounts as being in the hands of money-lenders in the years 1875 and 1890. The second gives the actual state of affairs in 1890:-

## I.

| Village, |  | 1875 |  | 1890. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Number of holdings. |  | Namber of holdings |  |
|  |  | Cultivators. | Money-lendera* | Cultivators. | Money-lenders. |
|  |  | $\begin{aligned} & 218 \\ & 114 \\ & 332 \\ & 425 \\ & 199 \end{aligned}$ | 3316147 | 217115331447192 | $\begin{aligned} & 5 \\ & .4 \\ & 21 \\ & 16 \\ & 11 \end{aligned}$ |
| Dedarda | -•• |  |  |  |  |
| Davalpura | ... |  |  |  |  |
| Aapa | ... |  |  |  |  |
| Ankláv | ".." |  |  |  |  |

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There can be no doubt that slowly but surely the inferior class of cultivators is being divorced from the land. Banyas are not the only money-lenders, for a considerable business is carried on by well-to-do Pátidárs. The tendency must be for the Kanbi to oust the Koli, and the regret that may be felt for the latter is tempered by the consideration that the land is passing into the hands of those able to make the best use of it.
19. Apppendices $\dot{\mathbf{E}}$ and $\dot{\mathbf{F}}$ give the details of population and resources. The appended statement shows the condition of things as compared with 1872 . The 1872 figures were obPopulation ánd Resoarcès. tained frofin the taluka. Those given in the previous settlement report, and those contained in the Gazetteer, are useless for purposes of comparison, the
former owing to the subsequent transfer of villages to Anand, and the latter, from the faet that they include udhad and alienated villages:-

|  |  | 1872. | 1893-94. | Increase. | Decrease. | Percentage. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population | -. | 91,036 | 1,32,367 | 41,331 | ... | $+45 \cdot 4$ |
| Horned cattle ... | .. | 49,810 | 1,58,773 | 8,963 | ... | + +18.02 |
| Horses and ponies | $\therefore$ | 155 | 227 | 72 | . ${ }^{\text {P }}$ | + 46.4 |
| Sheep and goats ... | $\therefore$. | 5,334 | 5,963 | 629 | ... | +11.7 |
| Plough's | ... | 6,019 | 7,609 | 1,590 | ... | $+26 \cdot 4$ |
| - Carts . ${ }^{\text {d }}$ | ... | 3,795 | 4,474 | 679 |  | +17.8 |
| Wellş... | ... | 1,309 | 2,339 | 1,030 | ... | + 78.6 |

20. After tallowing for inaccuracies of enumeration, these figures are a striking testimony to the richness of the soil, and the Increase of Population. striking testimony to the richness of the soil, and the
equity of Major Prescott's settlement. The figures given for the population of 1872 are most probably incorrect; but there can be
no doubt about the great increase in the population, which is the more remarkable for the fact that the percentage of increase in Nadiád, the conditions of which are alrnost precisely similar, is stated in Mr. Fernandez's report to be only $6 \frac{3}{4}$. Probably both estimates 'are in error to some extent.

21 . Hornèed cattle have increased as might be expected. Next to no Stock: culturable waste available for grazing existed in the talluka, the contraction of which would lead to the reduction of superfuous stock, and the mál lands of Thásra are still open as a grazing ground during the monsoon. The number of milch cattle kept even in third and fotrth rate villages, and by comparatively poor folks, is a striking feature throughout the taluka.
22. The increase of carts is worthy of note having regard to the extenCarts. sion of railway communidation. The usual cry that -force in-Borsad.

Wells.
23. The increase in wells is due no doubt to the extension of tobacco cultivation.
24. Appendix $G$ deals with the industries of the táluka. They are of Industries. trifing importance. In most villages, the Dheds manufacture the usual coarse cotton stuff, and in Borsad itself, there are a few Musalmán weavers also.

- The births and deaths averages are so far interesting that the deaths vary

Births and deaths. approximately with the rainfall, the largest number 0 inches in excess of the being registered in 1892-93 when the fall was some 20 inches in excess of the normal.
26. Appendix $H$ shows the state of education in the taluka. It appears Schools. that 2,640 boys and 284 girls are receiving some sort of education, as compared with 4,022 and 436 in Nadiád. The percentage on the total male and female population is 3.6 and 0.46 respectively, as compared with 4.6 and $\cdot 57$ in Nadiád. According to the imperial census returns the percentage of learners to the total population of the district is 4.09 .
27. The value of the figures given in Appendix I is somewhat discounted Cultivation by occupants by the facts noted in paragraph 18; they may be and subtenants. taken for what they are worth.
28. The numbers and uses of wells and tanks are shown in Appendix J.

Wells and tanks. Only 12 tanks are used for irrigation. The táluka generally is well off for water, and all the better villages have fine wells and tanks with masonry embankments. The villages near the Máhi are not so favourably situated as the rest, as water can only be obtained at a depth of from 50 to 60 feet.
29. Appendix $K$ shows the rates of ordinary sales of land in the taluka. It will be apparent that in the majority of cases prices bear no sort of propertion to the assessment. The fact is that they are scarcity prices. In the narva villages, the value of land forming part of the narva is not to be estimated, as the Pátidárs would part with it under no circumstances except compulsion. When land was taken up in 1891 for the Petlád-Cambay Road, the price paid in Virsád was Rs. 700 per acre for ordinary jiráyet and Rs. 800 for bagajyet, and the Mámlátdar was then of opinion that if the occupants had declined this offer, and the Acquisition Act had been applied, the prices awarded in court would have been considerably higher.
30. The figures in Appendices $\mathrm{K}^{(1)}$ showing sales by order of the Court, L showing cases of simple mortgage, $L^{(1)}$ Other sales. cases of mortgage by possession, are on a similar scale, and speak for themselves.
31. In Appendix $M$ will be found 15 cases of sublettings showing rates from $\mathbf{8} \cdot 13$ to $16 \cdot 70$ times the survey assessment. The Mámlatdár also supplied me with the figures of 40 cases from the files of his Court, showing rates varying from $1 \frac{1}{2}$ times to 7 times the assessment. In many of these cases the assessment was paid by the lessee in addition.
32. Appendix $\mathbf{N}$ gives the prices of the last 32 years. Taking the average of the five years prior to the settlement and that of the seven years of the third decade, prices will be found to have remained practically unchanged. If we omit, however, the years 1864 and 1865; as is only fair considering their abnormal character, we get the following results : Bajri has risen 27 per cent., rice 44 per cent., and tur 31 per cent. $\sqrt{ }$

As compared with the averages of the first and second decades, the price of the first has actually fallen, whilst that of rice and tur has remained stationary. It is to be remembered, however, that in the years of scarcity 1877-78 to 1879-80, prices were abnormally high. In the Nadiád report Mr. Fernandez got much
higher results by inoluding the prices of the years 1858-59 and 1859-60. In any case, as it has been pointed out in the discussion on that report, prices were a minor consideration in fixing the rates of these tálukas. In his Borsad report, Major Prescott does ṇot discuss them at all. I have omitted tobacco from the statement, as any figures that could be given in the space of one column would be useless and misleading. The price varies from village to village and from field to field according to the quality of the plant. In Rangaipura and Piplár, the price varies from 8 to 4 lbs. per rupee, in Virsad the average is about 8, in Pálaj 10. In Pálaj I was told that the price had decreased owing to the cultivaturs' short-sighted dishonesty in making up bundles with good leaves outside and inferior leaves within. It is impossible to get at the truth from the Patidárs, but from a personal examination of account books and information obtained through the Vahivatdar of Petlid, I gather that the price has slightly risen. The cultivators complain everywhere that the outturn has diminished: if this is so, it may be due to continued cropping on the same land or to the increasing scarcity and inferiority of manure. No experiments on tobacco have been carried out in the talluka, and I am somewhat inclined to doubt the Nadiad results. Twenty maunds appear to be the utmost outturn on an acre in Borsad. But in all these questions, the statements of the cultivators must be considerably discounted. The prices of rice and bajri for the last five years shown in the statement are those supplied from the office of the Director of Land Records and Agriculture. The prices of tur and of the other crops for the other years were supplied by the Mámlatdár, and can only be considered as approximately correct.
33. Labourers are paid at the following rates : In the towns, males receive Wages. annas 2 pies 6 per diem and in the villages annas 2 with hand cakes once a day. Females get 6 pies less in either case. The increase in the towns since the last settlement is 25 per cent., and in the villages 33 per cent.
34. Statement 0 contains the revenue history of the 72 villages for the

Rovenue History. five years prior to the settlement and the subsequent
Revenue History. years of the lease. It is in twa parts, relating, the one to 70 villages settled in 1866-67, the other to Jesarwa and Kansari, settled in 1875-76.

The only remissions of any magnitude are those granted as usual in the first year of the survey, and since the year 1875 they have been of trifting amount when granted at all.

The unoccupied arable land has decreased during the currency of the lease in 70 villages from 2,644 to 159 acres.

The extension of cultivation has steadily progressed and the greatest con. traction in any year was that of 26 acres in 1874-75, following a rise of 1,230 acres in 1873-74.

The increase in occupied acres (column 2) in 1866-67 is due to the fact that, prior to that year, the acres were calculated on a bigha measurement that was only roughly correct, and the true area was only obtained at the survey. The decrease shown in column 2 and the increase in column 11 for the year 1807-68 is due to the transfer of narva bdiharlhali land from one head to the other.

Collection of Revenae.
has been had to compulsory process for

| Years, | • Villages. | Notıces. | Attachmenta. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |
| 1890.91 | $\ldots$ | 23 | 342 |
| $1891-92$ | $\ldots$ | 30 | 372 |
| $1892-93$ | $\ldots$ | 19 | 159 |
|  |  | $\ldots$ |  |

35. The table given in the margin shows the extert to which resort the purpose of collecting the revenue during the last three years. Most of the notices were issued in the village of Borsad itself, where there is a con. siderable number of poor Mahomedan cultivators.

Sales of waste.

| Years ${ }_{\text {¢ }}$ | Villages. | Acres. | - Price |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Rs. |
| 1891-92 ... | 1 | 12 | 248 |
| 1892-93 ... | 2 | 1 | 21 |
| 1893-94 ... | 3 | 31 | 1,724 |

36. The sales of waste during
the last three years are shown here。
It will be seen that the average price
has varied from Rs. 20 to Rs. 50 per
acre.
37. I now come to the consideration of the rates to be imposed. It has General considerations. been shown above that, during the present lease, the population has enormously increased, and with it piaterial resources such as stock and the implements of agriculture. Communications have been improved by road within and by rail without the táluka. Prices have risen generally, and the value of land has reached a very high pitch. All these considerations point to the equity of an enhancement of the Government demand. On the other hand it nust be remembered that the addition to ${ }^{*}$ the population means so much additional burden on the land. Whereas at the beginning of the lease there was more than an acre of cultivable land to every soul in the táluka, at the present moment there is barely an acre to each head of the agricultural populatior alone. If communications have been improved, it must not be forgotten that the advantage that can be taken of them by the cultivating class has limits, and those, I take it, are the limits within which the crops grown for sale or export are 'affected. It has beeh shown that the only. two important crops to which these conditions apply to any great extent are tur and tobacco; the former occupies $5 \frac{1}{2}$ and the latter 7 per cent. of the total cultivated area. Not only are the staple crops not exported but large quantities are imported. In so far asincreased facilities of import affect the price of these staple crops, the cultivator cannot be said to benefit, though the cheapening of the other necessaries of life is no doubt in his favour.
38. The value of land in many villages may be said to have reached famine pitch. This is simply due to the pressure of population, which shows no tendency to overflow into more sparsely inhabited tracts such as the Panch Maháls. The anticipations founded on the extension of the railway to that district have not been realised. Patidárs will not leave their native villages whatever the struggle for existence there, or the inducements offered from outside. Their pride of family and the loss of social standing involved in migration, paralyze all colonising activity. The Koli is too apathetic and lacking in " enlightened self-interest," to leave his home. It is to be feared that the time is approaching anticipated by Government in the days of the joint report when :-"c Farms will become so small as to barely provide subsistence for those occupied in their tillage, and the surplus from which the assessment is to be paid so trifling, that the slightest deficiency in the ordinary crop will suffice to annihilate it. "I do not for a moment affirm that the time has come, but the possibility of its approach must not be ignored.
39. Another point to be remembered is this, that the system of subsoil assossment has considerably relieved the better class of land, which contained wells at the time of the last settlement. A statement
Appendix $Q^{(2)}{ }^{(2)}$ is appended showing the extent to which each village is. affected by the relinquishment of the kasar and the imposition of subsoil annas, in the classification. One effect which the change has produced may be noticed here. The maximum rate of the village of Wadeli has been raised from Rs. 5-4 to Rs. 5-12. Yet the total increase of revenue is 1 per cent., the explanation being that a large area has been relieved of the kasar, which is not affected by the subsoil classification. In several cases, therefore, where an in. crease is shown, the whole of that increase has fallen on the inferior class of land, and the percentage of increase on that land is considerably higher than iṣ apparent from the bare figures. In fact, the settlement is all in the Patidár's favour, and though this is doubtless, as it should be, the interests of the Dharala, the occupant of the outlying fields, which are usually of inferior quality to those

[^24]near the village, and which in any case, the occupant has neither the capital nor the ability to greatly improve, Government will not wish altogether to neglect. It is true that the application of distance from village rates will considerably modify the apparent inequality.
$\checkmark$ 40. It will not be out of place here to touch|shortly on the condition of the Pátidárs and Dhárálas. The former are everywhere well. off, so far as raaterial comforts go. 'In villages such as Virsad, Saijpur and those near Petlád there are men of substance, who, besides cultivating, carry on a thriving business as money-lenders. Generally, however, they are deeply in debt, chiefly owing to their expenditure on marriages, My inquiries lead me to confirm the statements made iby Mr. Fernandez in hìs report on Nadiád, in every particular save one, 'for though the Kánbis have not increased at the same rate as the ather castes, I doubt very much whether they have actually decreased in number. The institution of the twelve village "ring" is the curse of the district. So: long as it exists, there can be no end to the crime and misery inseparable from the system and no rules and regulations will prevent the Pátidárs of those villages out of which the exclusive twelve condescend to accept wives, fromruining themselves by extravagant marriage payments. "There is nothing" truer'than Poor Richard's 'Saw- 'We are taxed twice as heavily by our pride as by the State'."
41. The Kolis are indebted as everywhere. They have the vaguest notion, as to what they pay to Government, and so long as the Banya pays their assessment, and allows them and their families sufficient for their modest wants, they, are content. Their appearance, however, is better, their houses are more, substantial, and their cattle more numerous and better fed than is generally the case in Gujarát. The execution of Court decrees by the Revenue Department has undoubtedly done much to prevent their becoming bondslaves of the Banya. But so long as there is no provision for going behind the bond, no material, improvement in their condition is to be expected. In one case enquired into by, the 'Mámlatdár, a debt of Rs. 25 mounted up in 18 years to Rs. 500 through, the renewal of bonds, and such cases will be found in every village.
42. I am well aware that great expectations have been formed of the revenue derivable from the flourishing tobacce villages, and in the rates I propose I may be deemed to have erred on the side of moderation. The results hereafter given have, however, been arrived at after a careful inspection of all the villages concerned and the increase is the utmost that I believe, to be just.
43. My proposals for the grouping are as follows:-In place of Major

Groups and rates. Prescott's 6 groups, I would propose 4 only, with maximum rates as shown in the margin.
In a tálư̌a such aṣ Borsad, where conditions everywhere are so very similar and where the chief cause of variation in the

|  | Soil. | Water. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
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| , IIT | $\cdots 5$ | $4-0$ |
| III | $\cdots: 54$ | 3-8 |
| IV. | ... 4-4 | 3-0 | - character of the villages is the caste of the cultivators, 'any multiplication of classes not absolutely necessary would seem to be contrary to the spirit of the settlement policy of Government. At the time of the original settlement, the officer who carried it out could not but be influenced, to some extent by the caste rates that had hitherto pre* yailed. If, however, the principles of the joint report are ever to be enforced, now is the time and it is open to the Collector to indicate for special treatment any village the inclusion of which in its natural group is likely to cause hardshbips.

44. In the first groupi I have retained all the villages so placed by Major 1st group. $\quad$ Prescott, and have added Isráma, Rangaipura and ated with regard to markets, and produce first class tobacco. There situhowever, great complaints with regard to the depredations of the Petlád cattle in these and neighbouring villages, and the villagers state that they are forced to grow tobacco in self-defence. That is as it may be, but the grievance is a real one. The Gáekwari authorities are so lax about such matters in their own villages that it seems hopeless to expect any real co-operation from them
in checking the nuisance. Borsad, though in the centre of the 2nd group, is so important a market and so favourably situated with regard to communicationa by road and rail, that it should be retained in the 1st class, Isnav and Porda would naturally fall into the same class, but for some reason or other tobaceo does not thrive in either, and to raise two such distinctly inferior villages to the list class would not be justifiable.
45. In the 2nd group I have included all Major Prescott's 3rd group and 2nd group. those of the 4th lying in the west of the táluka, 2nd group. Those round Petlád, all of which produce good tobacco and other garden crops fall into it naturally. Asodar, Ambáv, Kasumbád, Kanthâria änd Harkhápura, lying in the east, are not such good villages as the others. One reason is, the inferior character of the cultivators, another, the depth at which water is found. The latter deficiency is remedied by the pon-imposition of subsoil water rates. The former no doubt led Major Prescott to put these villages in the 3rd class, as Khadol, precisely similarly situated but inhabited by Kanbis, he placed in the 2nd. They are in a favourable position with regard to markets and communications, and there seems to be no reason why they should not now be placed in their proper class. Danteli, GoleI, Khánpur, Rás, Saijpur, Vardala and Virsad, placed by Major Prescott in his 4th group, have been raised to the 2nd, They are all very good villages and grow good tobacco. They are all within easy reach of markets and have the advantage of the Petlad-Cambay road. Virsad; situated on this road, is a particularly fine village; and but for its position amongst the 2 nd class villages and neighbourhood to the inferior 3rd and 4th groups, I should have placed it in the lst class.
46. The 3rd group includes the eastern villages of Major Prescott's 4th group and his 5th group. These villages are Brd group. near to the Mahi banks and are certainly, take them all round, inferior to those in the 2nd group.
47. The 4th group consists of Major Prescott's 6th, With the exception of Malu, which from its isolated position 4th group. falls naturally into the lowest group, all these villages lie along the Mahi, are much broken up by nulás, and are inhabited chiefly by Kolis, who have by no means lost their unenviable reputation for lawlessness, Apart from these drawbacks, the villages are not bad villages, and their general condition appears to justify the increase of 4 annas proposed. This classification places them under the same rates as similar villages in Anand.
48. In fixing the water rate, I have been guided by the figures approved

## Water cate.

 for Nadiád. Major Prescott placed them at one rupee less than the soil rate, and this seems to have been a fair enough settlement. But as there is so little difference between Borsad and Nadiad, it seems desirable that the two talukas should he similarly treated: It may be noted here that there is no irrigated rice in the taluka and the crop depends on rain water only.49. In the annexed statement will be found the results of the proposed grouping as regards the Government.occupied land of the táluka :-


From this it will appear that the increase of each group is within the limits preseribed. The increase is considerably greater on the lower than the higher
groups. But this is unavoidable. The better villages were highly assessed already whilst the inferior had been assessed at the previous settlement with regard as much to the caste of the cultivators as to the position and capabilities of the villages. The effect of the subsoil classification is dealt with in a later paragraph.
50. In the first group, the greatest increase is in the cases of Bhawanipura and Rangaipura. In both the subsoil assessment exceeds the abolished Kasar: But they have both been raised from the third to the first group, which, looking to their market advantages and tobacco-producing capacity, is their proper position. In the second group Golel Jogan, Kansári, Khadána and Lakadpura show à considerable increase. Of these Kansári was entirely reclassed, and thé increase is not due to any excessive enhancement of rates.- Golel has been raised from the fourth to the second group, and there is a considerable increase in the matter of subsoil assessment. The same applies to Khadána and Lakadpura which have been raised one class. The latter village is close to Petlad, and in a great measure cultivated by Petlád people. .

In the third group increases are large in Amiád, Banejda, Kanbha and Jantrál. In all but Kanbha there is a considerable area of new rice, and with the exception of Jantral, all feel the weight of the subsoil assessment. It is a question whether Amiád is not a case for special treatment, as though it is in its natural group, it is a poor village, None of the villages in the fourth group call for special remark.
51. The subjoined statement shows the general effect of the classification
 for subsoil water adtantages. The total of the kasar levied was 19,520, and the amount relinquished by Government is therefore Rs. 2,468. The average incidence of the kasar was about Rs. 3 per acre, so that the relief to the original bágáyet land is very considerable.
52. I have appended an additional statement (Appendix $Q^{(2)}$ showing the amount of kasar under the old settlement, and the amount of subsoil assessment under the new. The percentage of increase and decrease under the present proposals is also shown against each village. This statement will bring out more clearly the point noted above in paragraphs 39 and 50 , viz., the effect of the subsoil assessment on the results of the new grouping. The percentages do not of course vary proportionately, but it will be found that in most villages where the increase is large, the taxation of water advantages has been materially: enhanced and vice versa.
53. As in Nadiád the right to trees standing in occupied numbers was Trees. conceded under the last settlement to the holders. Blackwood, teak and sandalwood will be as usual
reserved.
54. One point only remains to be dealt with, that is the treatment of

Lands assessed for agricultural and appropriated to other purposes before 1865 . lands assessed for agricultural purpose, but appropriated for building or other non-agricultural purposes, prior to the passing of Bombay Act I of 1865. The papers of cases in this táluka were only sent to me within the last month. References to the Collector and the Mámlatdár were necessary, and as no replies heve been received, I am unable to go into the question at all fully. I believe the cases consist almost wholly of living-houses built by cultivators in their fields. It has always appeared to me that the line drawn between farm-buildings and cultivators' dwelling-houses is somewhat arbitrary, and in a thickly populated táluka such as Borsad, I venture to think that cultivators should be encouraged to live in their holdings. In spite of the increase in population I believe I am correct in saying, that since the last settle, ment, not one new village site has been opened nor one hindrance of sanitation The old sites are necessarily overcrowded to the great course of my enquiries and necessary inconvenience of the inhabitants. In the eds of households, the I received numerous complaints, and there are hundfut in sleeping under the male members of which have to take turn and turn abo must be taken rup soon, family roof-tree. This overcrowding is a question tha a field for the efforts of and affords in my humble opinion at least as profitable 1 , therefore, recommend sanitary reformers as the village manure heaps. I woultion.
that no extra assessment be levied on the lands in quesi
55. In conclusion, I have the honour to recomn from the time of their posed if approved, be guaranteed for a period of 30 yeal introduction.
e honour to be,


Your most $\begin{aligned} & \text { pobedient Servant, } \\ & \text {. MACONOCHIE, }\end{aligned}$
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nue Survey.
Through the Deputy Superintendent, Gujarát Reve
appendix a.
Statement showing Rainfall.


Detuils of Cullization and Crops.


## APPENDIX D.

Detail of Population according to Occupation by Percentages.


## APPENDIX E.

Detail of Population occording to Religion and Education.

| Sox. | As per cobsus. | Percentage on total population or learming. | Rexioron. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Hindu Caste, |  |  | Musalmagn Sects. |  | Christian. | Parsis. | Others. |
|  |  |  | Pátidar. | Dharealg, | Others. | Musalman. | Others. |  |  |  |
| Males .. ... | 71,634 | $13 \cdot 3$ | 17,627 | $\stackrel{\text { - }}{ }$ 26,812 | 23,233 | 3,645 | ..' | 317 | ..' | ..' |
| Females .. | 60,733 | 08 | 13,537 | 23,477 | 20,173 | 3,282 | ** | 264 | ... | ... |
| Total .. | 132,367 | -* | 31,164 | 50,289 | 43,406 | 6,927 | $\cdots$ | 581 | * |  |

APPENDIX $\mathbf{F}$.
Statement showing the Agricultural Stock.


## APPENDIX G.



## APPENDIX H

Statement of Schools together with their average attendance.


APPENDIX I.
Statement showing the proportion of Government Occupied and Indm Lands cultivated by Occupants and sub'-tenants, \&c.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { villages. } \end{gathered}$ | District. | Total Numbers cultivated by occupants or Inamdars. |  | Total Numbers cultivated by occupants or Inámdárs in partnership with others. |  | Total Numbers cultivated by sub-tenants on moneyrent. |  | Total Numbers cultivated by sub-tenants for produce of grain.rent. |  | Waste Numbers. | Parampok Numbers. | Total Numbers. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Government. | Inám. | Government. | Inám. | Government, | Inám. | Governmont. | Inám. |  |  | Government. | Inám. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 8 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 19 | 14 |
| 72 | Borsad | 18,515 | 18,017 | . 292 | 222 | 1,462 | 1,190 | 125 | 222 | 78 | 1,120 | 21,592 | 19,651 |
|  | Percentage ... . ... | 4.5 | 44 | 1 | ... | 4. | 3 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 53 | 47 |

Statement showing Wells, Budkis, Tanks and other Sources of Water-supply.


## APPENDIX K.

Showing Ordinary Sales.

| Class of cases according to the number of times the Survey Assessment for which land is sold. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { Cases, } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total Acres } \\ \text { Bold. } \end{gathered}$ | Total Assessment. | Average rate <br> of Assessment per Acre. | Total sum for which sold. | Average rate per A.cre for which sold. | Average number of times the Survey Assessment for which sold. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| . 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  |  | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs, a. p. | Rs. 9. p. |  |
| Class. I.- 1 to 10 times. | - 2 | 10.24 | 45120 | 450 | 300 | $28 \quad 4 \quad 9$ | $6 \cdot 55$ |
| " III.- 11 to 25 的 50 ... | 62 | $170 \cdot 2$ | 727150 | $\begin{array}{llll}4 & 3 & -9\end{array}$ | $24,235 \quad 410$ | 1431110 | 33.29 |
| ", IV.- 51 to 100 " ... | 33 | $70 \cdot 39$ | $\begin{array}{llll}314 & 3 & 9\end{array}$ | $4 \quad 610$ | 20,076 818 | $\begin{array}{llll}282 & 1310\end{array}$ | 63.89 |
| \% V.-101 to 250 \% ... | , | $8 \cdot 25$ | 24.130 | 2140 | 3,018 3 3 8 | 349150 | $121 \cdot 65$ |
| Total | 100 | $260 \cdot 10$ | 1,112 $11 \quad 9$ | 444 | 47,630 1 11 | 18303 | $42 \cdot 80$ |

APPENDIX K ${ }^{(1)}$.
Showing Sales under Court Decree.

| Olass of cases according to the number of times the Survey Assessment for which land is sold. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Cases, } \end{gathered}$ | Total Acres sold. | Total <br> Assessment. | Average zate of Assessment per Acre. | Total sum for which sold. | Average rate per Acre for which sold. | A verage number of timea the Survey Assessment for which sold. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| - |  |  | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. |  |
| Class 1.- 1 to 10 times... | 2 | $4 \cdot 24$ | $\begin{array}{llll}23 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | 51818 | $\begin{array}{lll}176 & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}38 & 510\end{array}$ | $7 \cdot 51$ |
| $\begin{array}{crlll} \text { II.— } 11 & \text { to } & 25 & " & . . . \\ " & \text { III. } 26 \text { to } & 50 & " & . . \end{array}$ | \} 3 | $4 \cdot 31$ | $26 \quad 20$ | $5 \quad 76$ | 90900 | 190510 | 34.80 |
| " IV.- 51 to 100 ", ... |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| " V.-101 to 250 , ... | 1 | 1.9 | 500 | 413 | $570 \quad 0 \quad 0$ | $\begin{array}{lll}465 & 4 & 10\end{array}$ | 114.00 |
| Total ... | 6 | $10 \cdot 24$ | 54, 100 | $5 \quad 25$ | $1,655 \quad 8 \quad 0$ | 156210 | 30.30 |

## APPENDIX L.

Showing simple Mortgages.

| Clase of cases according to the number of times the Survey $\Delta$ ssessment for which land is sold. | Number of Cases. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Acres mort- } \\ \text { gaged. } \end{gathered}$ | Total Assessment. | A verage rate of Assessment per Acre. | Total sum for which mortgaged. | Average rate per Acre for which mortgaged. | Average number of times the Survey Assessment for which mortgaged. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  |  | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |  |  |
| Class I.- 1 to 10 times... | 7 | 41.2 | 1661210 | 410 | 1,033 14 ( 9 |  |  |
| " II.- 11 to 25 ." ... | 23 | $144 \cdot 33$ | 684660 | $\begin{array}{llll}4 & 11 & 7\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{\|ccc\|}1,033 & 14 & 9 \\ 10,979 & 10 & 5\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}26 & 10 & 4 \\ 75 & 13 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 6 \cdot 55 \\ 16.04 \end{array}$ |
| " III.- 26 to 50 \% $\quad .$. | 35 | 123.3 | $\begin{array}{lll}553 & 5 & 9\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}4 & 11 & 7 \\ 4 & 711\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}10,979 & 10 & 5 \\ 17,395 & 7 & 9\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}7513 & 0 \\ 141 & 5 & 5\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 16 \cdot 04 \\ & 31 \cdot 43 \end{aligned}$ |
| " IV, $=51$ to 100 " $\quad .$. | 11 | $28 \cdot 27$ | 13105 | $4{ }_{4}^{4} 911$ | $\begin{array}{\|rrr\|}17,395 & 7 & 9 \\ 8,899 & 15 & 10\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{lll}141 & 5 & 5 \\ 310 & 6 & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 31 \cdot 43 \\ & 67 \cdot 92 \end{aligned}$ |
| " ${ }^{\text {" }}$ | -* | ... | ...... | . |  |  |  |
| Total | 76 | 337.25 | 1,535 90 | 4889 | 38,369 00 | 113103 | 24.99 |

## APPENDIX $\mathbf{L}^{\text {a }}$.

- Showing Mortgages with Possession.

| Closs of casean accordng to the number of times the Survey Assassment for which land is sold. | Numbe of Cases. | $\left\lvert\, \begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Acres mort- } \\ \text { gaged. } \end{gathered}\right.$ | Total Assosgment. | Average rate <br> of Assesement per Acre. | Total sum for which mortgaged. | Average rate per Acre for which mortgaged. | Arerage number of times the Survey Assessmen t for which mortgaged. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |  | 7 | 8 |
| - |  |  | Rs. 2. p. | Re. a. p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. an p. |  |
| Class 1.- 1 to | -• | ** | ..... | *. |  | .r* | ... |
| " II. -11 to 25 , ... | 28 | $97 \cdot 36$ | 416130 | $4 \begin{array}{lll}4 & 0\end{array}$ | 8,047 6 - 3 | $\begin{array}{llll}82 & 3 & 4\end{array}$ | 19.30 |
| " III.- 26 to 50 „ ... | 49 | 108.32 | 47180 | $4{ }^{4} 504$ | 17,148 1010 | 157910 | 36.36 |
| , IV.- 51 to 100 n ... | 22 | $37 \cdot 8$ | 152106 | 417 | 9,585 998 | 2571010 | 62.79 |
| " V.-101 to 150 n ... | 1 | 1.2 | 200 | $1 \begin{array}{lll}1 & 9 & 8\end{array}$ | 347134 | $331 \quad 4 \quad 3$ | 17391 |
| Total ... | 100 | 244,38 | 1,042 15. 6 | $4 \quad 4 \quad 1$ | 35,12988 | 14365 | 33.68 |

## APPENDIX M.

An Abstract Statement showing Sub-lettings.

| Class of cases according to the number of times the Survey Assessment for which land is sold. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Cases. } \end{gathered}$ | Total Acres sub-let. | Tots ${ }^{2}$ <br> Assessment. | Average rate of Assessment per Acre. | Total sum for whach sub-let. | Average rabe por Acre for whic sub-let. | Average number of times the Survey Assessmen for which sab-let. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  |  |  | Rs. a. p. | Rs. an p. | Rs. a. p. | Rs. a. p. |  |
| Class ' I. 1 to 5 times ... | 11 | 38.15 | 193129 | 505 | 606159 | 15130 | 3•13 |
| II. - 6 to 10 , ... | 3 | 14.4 | 6820 | 4133 | 489120 | 341118 | $7 \cdot 18$ |
| III. -11 to 25 , ... | 1 | $5 \cdot 5$ | 1130 | 2211. | 186154 | $\begin{array}{llll}36 & 7 & 4\end{array}$ | 16.70 |
| , IV.-26 to 50 , ... | . $\cdot$ | ... | .. | :•• | ....." | .. | - |
| » $\mathrm{\nabla}$.-above 50 \% ... | - $\cdot$ | ... | . $\cdot$ | *- | -...' | *-** | ... |
| Total ... | 15 | 57.24 | 27319 | 41110 | 1,283 111 | 2246 | 4.68 |

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## APPENDIX N.

Statement showing the Prices prevalent.


## APPENDIX 0.

Revenue History for 70 Villages, situated in the Borsad Taluka of the Kaira Collectorale, into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1866-67.
[The years above the hlack line are those antecedent to the Survey Settlement.]


APPENDIX ${ }^{1}$.
Revenue History for 2 Villages, situated in the Barsad Taluka of the Kaira Collectorate, into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1875-76.
[The years above the black line are those antecedent to the Survey Settlement.]


## APPENDI.X Q

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JIX Q.
rroposal on Government Occupied Land.


DIX Q-continued.

O.R. $=$ Old Rice ; N, $\mathrm{H} .=\mathrm{N}$ New Ruce.
out on the round figures shown in the statement, excluding annas and pies.
It would be misleadug to show them otherwise as now dry-crop inctades what 7as assessed as garden and excludes what has pecome new fice

APPENDIX $\mathbf{Q}^{1}$.
Area of Villages for Settlement with details.





| 1,347 | 103 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 367 | 28 |
| 859 | 68 |
| 650 | 48 |
| 625 | 56 |
| 1,128 | 88 |
| 519 | 41 |
| 752 | 37 |
| 946 | 71 |
| 1,278 | 97 |
| 1,200 | 72 |
| 2,032 | 125 |
| 1,751 | 105 |
| 1,095 | 94 |
| 464 | 26 |
| 657 | 40 |
| 2,130 | 253 |
| 1,791 | 144 |
| 1,605 | 112 |
| 4,476 | 251 |
| 1,012 | 73 |
| 3,169 | 219 |
| 540 | 42 |
| 949 | 84 |
| -610 | 51 |
| 1,177 | 91 |
| 670 | 47 |
| . 705 | 80 |
| 1,506 | 98 |
| 1,819 | 174 |
| 1,016 | 72 |
| 3,221 | 269 |
| 988 | 86 |
| 617 | 46 |
| 1,754 | 153 |
| 64,074 | 4,954 |
| 1,314 | 105 |
| 1,634 | 93 |
| 5,267 | 425 |
| 1,721 | 104 |
| 792 | 80 |

APPENDIX $Q^{\prime}$-continued.


APPENDIX $Q^{(2)}$.

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APPENDIX Q ${ }^{2}$.
Comparative Statement showing anounts of old Well Kasar and new Subsöl Water Assessment.



APPENDIX Q'-continuéd.


## Fbom

## THE COLLECTOR, <br> Kaira;

To

## The REVENUE COMMISSIONER, N. D.

## Sir,

I do myself the honour to forward herewith a report No. 705-A., dated 28th December 1866, from the Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, containing proposals for the revised assessment of Borsad.
2. I have, in personal consultation with Major Prescott, gone carefully and in much detail through the report, and with one exception find myself able to concur so thoroughly with that officer as to make it needless to do more than forward it with an expression to that effect.
3. The exception is on the subject of the bagayat rates.
4. These have been fixed by Major Prescott as nearly as passible at what those for Nadiád will be if his proposal (contained in his paragraphs 12 to 21 of his report No. 702, dated 28th December last, on the assessment of that táluka) to lower the Kassar by onethird be sanctioned by Government.

If it be so sanctioned then that for Borsad should remain as now proposed, but if not then the bagáyat rates in the latter táluka should be raised by̆́rone-third.

The general features and eapabilities of the two are so similar that there is no reason for any difference in the rates of assessment,

It speaks volumes for the population that with an asses̀sment so much higher than any other in the zilla and without a single road or an irrigational work they have paid up the Government demand so easily.

I wish I could hope that the increased assessment now to be imposed would be looked on by Government as a claim to some aid from Imperial Funds for improving its communtcations or providing it with a water-supply.

I have, \&cc.
(Signed) A. A. BORRADAILE,
Collettor, theira.

No. 587 or 1867.
Camp Karamsad, 7 th February 1867.

## MEMORANDUM,

The dry-crop and rice rates proposed for adoption in the Borsad Talnka in the leth 705, from the Superintendent of Survey, noted in the margin, forwarded with the Acting Collector's No. 75 of the 19th ultimo, as well as the grouping of the villages for assessment, are approved and the calculation of the assessments may be proceeded with accordingly. Instructions with regard to the kassar on wells will be given hereafter.
(Signed) A. ROGERS,
Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

## No. 665 or 1867.

Camp Karamsad, 11th February 1867.

## MEMORANDUM.

In continuation of this office Memorandum No. 587 of the 7 th instant, it has been decided, in personal consultation between the Superintendent of Survey and the Revenue Commissioner, that the maximum bágáyat kassar for the Borsad Taluka shall be Rs. 27 , the full

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kassar only being imposed when double the area of land irrigable (according to the survery calculation) from each water bag of a well is found to derive water by right from such calculation) Land deriving water from a well without proprietory right is not to be taken water bag. Lan in ascertaining this area, but in such cases as those in the Kasba of Nadıád where wells have been dug in Government fields of small area, evidently for the purpose, of watering adjacent alienated land, the latter not deriving the water by right, a Piawa or water cess in addition to the kassar as ascertained by the above-mentioned system may be levied at the rate of Rs. 2 per acre of the alienated land under the well.

The Collector is requested to be good enough to convey to the Superintendent the Revenue Commissioner's formal sanction to this method, and rate of assessment. Major Prescott's preliminary report on the revision of assessment is returned as requested. What it may be necessary to embody out of it in the final report which may be submitted for the purpose of obtaintng the sanction of Government for the levy of the assessment next year may be extracted and the actual financial resalt of the revision only be reported in printed form. The preliminary report itself need not be printed.
(Signed) A. ROGERS,
Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

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\text { No. } 500 \text {-A. of } 1867 .
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## From

## Major C. J. PRESCOTT,

Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Àssessment, Gujarát;
To

## The COLLECTOR of KAIRA.

## Poona, 13th Oetober 186\%.

Sir,
I have the honour of submitting for transmission to the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., a report of the recent assessment (according to the principles of the Revenue Survey) of the Taluka Borsad in your Collectorate.
2. In February last I had the honour of laying before the Revenue Commissioner and your predecessor the rates I thought suitable for this district, and received permission* to introduce them, but as

* Paragraph 2 of Revenue Commissioner's letter No, 665; dated missioner's letter No. to describe necessary, before stating the financial resultarof the settlement, of assessmene district, the groups of villages into which it has been divided for the purpose:

3. In the year reasons which guided us in fixing the maximum rates for each group.

1864 this táluka was united with Nápád and now contains 111 villages. cenja
4. Borsad is bounded on the north by the Nadiád Táluka and Gáekwári territory, un the east and south by the river Máhi; and on the west by the territories of His Highness the Gáekwár and the Nawáb of Cambay respectively.
5. This taluka would be a compact square were it not that foreign territory intervenes and spoils its symmetry. It is now the most irregular in shape and the most tortuous in boundary of all the talukas in the Collectorate.
6. The superficial area of the 89 Government villages is, within a fraction, 227 square statute miles, and is sub-divided by the survey as follows :-

| Gorbrnment, |  |  |  |  |  |  | Alimantid. |  |  |  |  |
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| Description of Land. | Senja and Mazmun. |  | Nazva. |  | - Total |  | Alienated Land of all denommations. |  | Grand Total, "Government and Alhenated. |  |  |
|  | Num. bers. | Acres. | Num. bers, | Acres, | Nam. <br> bers. | Acres. | Numbers. | Acres. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Nums } \\ & \text { bels. } \end{aligned}$ | Acres. |  |
|  |  | A. g. |  | A. g. |  | A ${ }_{\text {a }}$ g. |  | A. g. |  | A. | g. |
| Drp-crop | -• | 23,296 81 | - | 38,038 29 | " | 56,395 20, | - | 54,760 15 | - | 111,095 | 35. |
| Garden | " | 1,767 83 | -• | 7,654 20 | - | 9,422 13 | " | 4,096 32 | $\cdots$ | 13,517 | 5 |
| Rice *.. . .. . |  | 1,956 $\quad 25$ | . | 3,028 28 | $\cdots$ | 4,985 $\quad 9$ | $\cdots$ | 2,630 | $\cdots$ | 7,624 1 | 13 |
| ; Total Culturable .. | 8,375 | 27,021 | 18,804 | 43,721 37 | 27,179 | 70,743 2 | 25,155 | 81,494 11 | 52,834 | 132,237 | 13 |
| Unculturahle Tanks, $\mathbf{R}_{1}$ vers, Village Sites, \&c. | - | " | . | .... | - | 12,189 6 | - | 283 \$ | . | 12,462 | 9 |
| Grand Total . | 8,375 | 27,021 5 | 18,804 | 48,721 37 | 27,179 | 82,932 8 | 25,155 | 61,757 14 | 52,384 | 144,68 | 22 |

Average size of fields, and proportion of alleated land.
culturable waste numbers is two acres and twenty-two gunthas only, and that of the total area of the taluka 46 per cent. is entrrely or partially alienated.
8. The only river in this táluka is the Máhi, the third in size of the great rivers of sandbanks in its bed and the shallowness of the water when the tide is out. It is on this account that the fording of the Mahi near its mouth is attended with so much danger, for the tide rises and falls so rapidly, and the bore comes in with such resistless force, that nothing can stand against it. The tides affect the viver nearly as high as Vehra Khári.
9. Along the course of the Mahi are the following fords and ferries:-A ferry beFords and Ferries, tween Kávi and Cambay, which is at all times dangerous in consequence of the rush of the tide; a ford at Dewan available at neap-tides only.
Five miles further up, at Gaujan, there is another ford, fordable at all times except at the highest spring-tides. At Khanpur, 10 miles above Ganjan, there is a ferry belonging to the Gáekwár, and two miles above this is the Ométa ford, the best on the Máhi, but little used now in consequence of the railway, and railway bridge which is available for footpassengers.
10. The difficulties of these fords are not mach detriment to the rayats of Borsad, for they scarcely require to cross the Máhi to dispose of their produce. The inland markets absorb a good deal, and that which is exported goes viá Cambay or the A'nand and Nadrád railway stations.
11. Till very lately there was no bridged road in this táluka. A very useful railway Roads. feeder has been made from Borsad to the Vásad Station, and another is much wanted to connect that town and neighbourhood with the A'nand Station. There are no rivers to cross, and the engineering difficulties, if any, are of the simplest description. The present means of communication are, in the fair weather, by the numerous sandy hedge-bound nalas which intersect the country, and which in the rains are for a long time impassable.
12. The appearance of the country is almost precisely that of the Nadiád Táluka, which
has been described at some length in my report on that district
Appearance of country. Almost level, with a very slight fall towards the west, covered with rich cultivation, dotted thickly over with magnificent umbrageous trees, such as mangoe, tamarind, rind, mowra and pipal, and the fields enclosed with bright green hedges of the milkbush, the appearance of the country is most beautifnl.
13. The climate is generally pleasant during the whole of the hot season, being a little Climate. more humid than the northern talukas. Thus is the effect of and if from any cause it fails, the heat is most oppressive, the thermometer often marking 105 (Fahrenheit) in the shade.

The fall of rain averages about 26 inches.
14. The soil in every part of Borsad is magnificent and, if anything, richer than that The soil. of Nadiád. This may easily be accounted for when the density of the population is considered, and the amount of manure available for agriculture.
15. With the exception of about a tenth part of the culturable area (which is blackish loam producing rice), the whole country is one mass of superior gurdidu, not generally sandy, but a fine rich mould, known on the other side of the Máhi as marva.
16. Nearly all the fields are hedge-bound, and most of the hedge-rows are adorned with handsome fruit trees, such as mangoe, tamarind, raen, and mowra. Of the area-

83 per cent. is under dry cropping.

17. The produce of this táluka consists of the usual dry cereals and pulses, such as bájri, jowár, tur, wá, \&c. Kosum (safflower) and oil-seeds Produce. are extensively grown, as also the palma christi.
A fair proportion of sugarcane is raised, and some of the finest tobacco in the Kaira collectorate. I have given such a long accoant of the cultivation of this herb in the Nadiád report that I need not repeat it here.
18. Although the climate and soil are very well suited for indigo and poppy, fieithes Indigo and Poppy. are now cultivated in this taluka-the former probably for latter because the rules under which it can be grown are to all intents and purposes prohibitory.

A glance at the map of Borsad (showing how our villages are interlaced with those of His Highness the Gáekwar) will prove how utterly fruitless any attempt to stop the muggling of opium into our territories must be, for when there is prohibition there will be smuggling, and it has always appeared to me that this restriction on the part of Government might be removed without any danger of loss to the opium revenue, provided that the drug should be cultivated under special license only.
19. With the exception of Borsad, Pipláo, and Sonao there are no markets of any Markets. importance in this taluka. Cambay is used to some extent much as formerly. The Anand and Vásad Railway stations are beginning to draw the produce of this district, and would do so to a much greater extent if some accommodation was provided for the commercial class.

A step in the right direction bas been taken by giving large open spaces as standingplaces for cattle and carts coming to the stations, and for the deposit of raw produce and goons; but this is a small part of what remains to be done before the trade of Central Gujarát can be fully developed.

Condition of the people, and the. Fopulation of the District.
20. Nadiad is by far the most densely-populated of any
taluka yet settled by this department, but the population of Borsad is a fraction greater.
21. The 89 Government villages contain 118,66女 souls $-68,002$ men and 50,662 women,-being 522.31 persins to the square statute mile.
22. This population is almost entirely agricultural, composed principally of Kunbis of the Lewa and Karwa castes and Kolis of the Talabda caste.
23. The numbers of the principal classes are as follows:-


| Agricaltural Statiatics. |
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25. The number of wells found by the survey is as follows:-

| Government* wells in repair |  | Rs, <br> 1,161 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ditto out of repair $\quad \cdots$ : | ... | 1,185 |
| Total Government wells | -•• | 1,346 |
| Alienated wells in repair Ditto out of repair | ... | 498 |
|  | ... | 98 |
| Total alienated wells | ... | 596 |
| Grand Total | $\ldots$ | 1,942 |

26. There are therefore not more than 7 wells in use to the square mile, or one to about every nine acres recorded as garden land. These wells work 3,871 kosses, so that each koss has under it on an average three acres twenty-five gunthas.
27. For many years there has been great need of systematic drainage in this táluka. Drainage.

Three years ago the late Revenue Commissioner visited many and a careful survey has recently been made under the direction of Lieutenant Baldwin, R.E., whom I have consulted on the subject, and whose report is now Lieutenant Baldwin,
28. It appears from the report that the flood-waters* take two courses. One flood comes down from the southern villages of the Thasra Táluka and flows past the town of Umreth in a westerly direction through the (Nadiad) villages of Liagra, Pansora, WansolChaláli and Surásamal and then south to Chaklási, Boreávi, Kanjura, Bakrol and Karramsad, where it finally rests, and the water having no outlet is liable to cause damage to the crops of the village last named.
29. There are two other floods. One rises in the neighbourhood of Sandesar south of Karramsad, and the other, Anand, to the east of Karramsad. These floods travel towards the Máhi in a parallel direction, but do not join each other by the way. The flood from Sandesar runs over Sheol, Phángvi, and other villages towards Darmaj, and so on to the low-lying lands near Cambay, which it floods.
30. The set of the flood from Anand is in a south-westerly direction through Jitoria, Nápa; and other villages to Bochásan and Rudell, where it is joined by another flood from Borsad, and Dabási whence it flows vid Kamansal into the Máhi.
31. Lieutenant Baldwin purposes to construct eight main-drains for the drainage of the Lieutenant Baldwin's proposed entire Charotar. These drains will carry off the flood-water
resting on $413 \frac{1}{2}$ square miles of country, and thus secure remedies, 274,526 acres from submersion.
32. But this is not all the good drains will do the country. Lieutenant Baldwin proposes that the bridges (taking the country roads across the drains) shall be fitted with sluice-gates, which will retain a sufficient head of water for moderate irrigation through the wing-walls of the bridges. He further proposes to have separate sluices along the course of the drains for rice lands.
33. The tanks along the course of these drains will he filled by water-courses from the main-drains, and not from the main-drain itself, as Lieutenant Baldwin is of opinion that many tanks in this neighbourhood have been entirely destroyed from having the main-drains conducted right through them.
34. Lieutenant Baldwiu observes that by this means the people" can replenish their tanks at pleasure without making them ${ }^{-7}$ silt traps."
35. This scheme seems very deserving of support, more particularly as it was matured after personal examination of the whole country by Lientenant Baldwin in the height of the monsoon, a feat which few, having less zeal and physical energy that Lieutenant Baldwin, would have undertaken.

36, It is necessary, I should remark, however, that before fixing the rates now proposed I have satisfied myself that damage by these tloods is very alight, and occurs only when the monsoon is exceptionally heavy. In case a kharif crop should be submerged and when the monsoon is it followed by a yery superior rabi crop, which more than mates up the loss.

NoTw, - I would draw attention to the extraordinary simularity between the condition and progress of this district and Nadad.
"These floods are known, locally, by the name of "Bolai," evidently from the wand Ulle which means boggy or swampy ; that is to say, the flood makes the lands swampy.

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37. The means of irrigation in this taluka, except from wells, are absolutely nils and it would appear that as 11 per cent. only of the entire arable Means of irrgation. . area is under wells, the assessment on this description of cul tivation must be too high, for water can be had for the digging in most villages. I will notice this more fully in its proper place.
38. Nearly the whole of this district belonged formerly to Petlad. That portion of

History of the tiluka and former rovenue management. it which in former days formed the Nápád tappa was, up to the division of Gujarát between the Gáekwar and the Peishwa, transferred to the Peishwa in in the possession of the Navab of Cambay, and was by him
39. The former revenue management of this taluka seems to have been so precisely similar to that of other-talukas of this collectorate, which has been fully explained in former reports, that it need not be repeated here, as a reference to the Mehmadabad or Nadiád reports will afford any information required.
40. I am glad to be able to give a comparison between

Statistics showing the progress of the District. the census of this district as taken in 1825-26 and as found
41. The comparison extends to 86 villages out of 89 , which is fully sufficient for the purpose.
42. In these fillages there were in . 1825-26, 20,373 houses; there are now 35,894 Houses, being an increase in thirty-nine years of 27 per cent

In the same year there were 6,843 ploughs; there are now 8,863 , which is an increase Ploughs. of 29 per cent.
Cattle (inclusive of agricultural bullocks) have increased in the same period from Cattle. 42,750 to 69,740 , or 62 per cent.

Government wells in repair have increased from 751 to 1,104 , and those out of repain Government Wells. have increased from 174 to 177.

Alienated wells in repair have increased from 374 to 485 , and those out of repair have increased from 78 to 95 , showing that 464 new wells have been built and repaired, and 20 fallen out of use.

Carts and Gharries.
The carts have increased from 3,764 in 1825-26 to 6,029 in 1865 , or 60 per cent.
43. In thirty-nine years the population has increased in

Increase of Population in thirty nine years. these villages from 80,616 to 101,874 , a fraction over 20 per cent.
44. This increase is very small and not at all in proportion to the progress of the district in other respects. There is in this taluka the same great disparity between the number of women and men that I noticed in paragraph 41 of my report on Nadiád, viz: only 42 of the former to 57 of the latter.
45. The probable causes of this disparity were discussed in my Nadiád report and need not be repeated here.

Propiortion of the arable area Proportio
oultivated.
46. The proportion of land actually cultivated in Borsad last year amounted to 86 per cent. of the entire arable area.
47. The average realisations per acre on Government. land for the last twenty-one

## Average realisations per Acre on

 Government land. Diagram.years amounts to Rs. 5-4-2, and on alienated land (including nakru) to Re, 1-5-0 per acre, and, excluding nakru, to Re. 1-5-6 per acre.

In the year $\frac{\text { Samvat } 1002}{\Delta, 0.2846-40} 61,850$ acres of Government land were under the plough and Oultivated ares thirty-nine years 48,704 acres of alienated land, making a total of 110,554 ngo and now: acres

Last year $\frac{\text { Sampat } 1022}{\text { an. } 186666} 64,393$ acres of Government and 49,117 acres of alienated land were cultivated, which shows an increase of 2,926 acres,* or 2 per cent. in twenty-one years.

- It will be understood that this small inerasea ia because there is no more land available for cultivation

Accompaniment to Diagram, vide paragraph 47 of the Report.

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Superintendent, Revenue Sprvey, Gujarát.

First and last year of the series.
In $\frac{\text { samvat } 1902}{4}$ the collections on Government land amounted to Rs, $3,23,919$ and on alienated land to Rs. 63,042 , and in Simpat 1922 (A.D. 1865-66) to Rs. $3,37,004$ in the former and Rs. 65,948 in the latter, an increase of 4 per cent.

The average assessment of Government land for twenty-one years last past is Rs. $3,31,650$, and the average collections Rs. $3,27,912$, so that the remissions in that period did not, on the average, amount to much more than one per cent.
48. Taking the average of the last ten years, the assessment is Rs. 3,33,800, and the collections Rs. 3,32,635, so that the
Average Collections of ten years. ment is Rs. $3,33,800$, and
been one pie in the rupee. average remissions have not been one pie in the rupee.
49. Borsad is certainly as good a taluka as Nadiád, both as regards soil, climate, and productiveness; and its position (now that the Railway
Borsad compared with Nadiàd as. a revenue-paying district. has two stations within its boundary) is little, if anything, inferior.
50. There is no doubt that though it cannot bear any rise in the assessment, it is in every respect equal to an assessment fully as high as that recently imposed in the Nadiad tavery resper for hitherto it has paid the highest assessment in the Kaira collectorate

While the average rate per acre of Nadiád and Mehmadabad before the revision was Rs. 4-4-6 and Rs. 4-1-11 respectively, that of the taluka nnder report, taking the average Rs. 4-4-6 and Rs. of tuenty years, has been no less than Rs. 5-4-2, or very nearly one rupee an acre more than Nadiad.
51. The highest maximum dry crop rate imposed in Nadiad was Rs. $6-4$ for the seven Maximum dry crop rate. $\begin{aligned} & \text {. patis of Nadıád Kasbo, and for the remainder of the táluka rates } \\ & \text {. Tang from Rs. } 5-8 \text { tạ Rs. } 3-8 \text {; each group falling by grada- }\end{aligned}$ tions of a quarter of a rupee.
52. For Borsad the following rates have been adopted :-

| Group. | Maxımum Rate. | Number Villages. | Deecription of Groups, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| I. | 60 | 6 | Have good markets for grain and tobacco, one being a Raviway station, |
| II. | $5 \cdot 8$ | 23 | Have the advantage of close proximity to the Roulway Station, and market of A nand |
| III. | $5 \cdot 4$ | 33 | Further from A'nand and Borsad, but have the Vasad station, or the grod foreign |
| IV. | $5 \cdot 0$ | 12 | Further distant from markets and Railway etat |
| V. | $4 \cdot 12$ | 6 | The most distant from markets and Railway Stations, |
| VI. | 40 | 9 | In a special class (described further and the "Kotras" of the Musalmins, the descendants of the robbers who not many years suce formed a formidable bandıttı near the river Mahi. |
| VI. | ** | 89 | . - |

53. The following list shows the gromping of the villages in detail :-

First Class Rs. 6. Six Villages.

1. A'nand (Railway Station.)
2. Nápad.
3. Somáv.
4. Pipláv.
6 Pállaj.

All these villages have good grain markets, and the three last are famous for tobacco:
Second Class Rs. 5-8. Twenty-three Tillages.

| 1. Gámri | 9. | Bodal | 17. | Wásna. Dehmi. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Wamri | 10. | Dáoli. | 19. | Naman. |
| 3. Karramsad. | 11. | Nisria, | 20. | Dhobi Kua. |
| 4. Novli. | 12. | Khadol. | 21. | Ghora Kus. |
| 5. Jıtoria | 14. | Singlav. | 22. | Daborshi. |
| 6. H\&rgud. | 15. | Dedurda. | 23. | Alarsa |
| 7. Wadod. | 16. | Vehra Kavita. |  |  |

Third Class $\dot{\text { Rs. 5-4. Thirty-three Villages. }}$

1. Wassad.
2. Sandeshar.
3. Gána.
4. Mégwa.
. Khandil.
Bhoj Kua
Bhoj Kua
Asodar.
. Haldari.
5. Ambao.
Ihird Class is. 5-4.
6. It is here to be noted that Vásad has no market, is situated on the banks of the Mahi, and will never do much business as a Railway station, as the rayats prefer going to A'nand, where merchants now reside, and where agents and others will settle hereafter.

## Fourth Class Rs. 5. Twelve Villages.

| 1. Umblai. | 5. | Danteli. | - | 9 | Exijpur |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2. Betashi. | 6 | Virsád. |  | 10. | Mujkua. |
| 3. Anklao | 7. | Ras. | - | 11. | Khedása. |
| 4. Golel. | 8 | Waradla. |  | 12. | Khanpur |

Fifth elass Rs. 4-12. Six Villages.


As in Nadiád so in Borsad there are a ferr villages near the Máhi which, like the Mehwási villages, are in what are qalled the "kotras" of the river.

Here the inhabitants are chiefly poor Kolis or Mussalmáns. Water is deep below the surface, and there are several disadvantages which it is necessary to consider in their assessment, for which reason they are put into a special class. Of these, one (Umlar) is a narva village.

## Special Class Rs. 4. Nine Villages.

1. Vehra Khándi.
2. Unklávre.
Watra
3. Khatnál
4. Dáli.
5. Umlav.
6. Khátol.
7. Malu.
8. As there is no difference in climate in any of the villages of Borsad, I fixed the maximum rates for rice water at one rupee less than the soil assessment.
9. The classification of water in this taluka is, as it should be, low, and the rate has

Rice water rate. been found applicable. The survey' shows a large increase in price of other grain flactuates, the area of rice cultivation, and no wonder, for although the
57. With the exception of a small plot at Ukláari, there is no Bhéta or

Bbatta and Déykoriatlandse (i.e. river-watered had) in this táluka. The banks of the coltivation, and the land in the immediate vicinity is broken and and precipitous to admi ofing into the Máhi during the rains, and is fit for little but grazing ground and cottls pour-

## Water rate for garden land.

58. The same maximum water rate of Rs. 7-8 per acre, finally sanctioned for Nadiád, is adopted in this district.
59. The following table shows the total assessment, at survey rates, of all descriptions

60. The following is an abstract showing the total difference of revenue under the old and new systems respectively :-

| On account of Government Cultivated Land. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Qn agcount of Alienated Land. |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Number } \\ & \text { of } \\ & \text { oulagre } \end{aligned}$ | According to the late system, |  |  | According to Survey syatem |  |  | Decrease. |  | Late system. | Surrey syatem. | Increase. |
|  | Cultivated <br> - Area. | Assersment in Sampat without Cesses. |  | Land actually in cultivation. |  |  |  |  | Salamis, |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Area. | Assessme |  |  |  | of all ksnde. |  |  |
| $\ddagger$ | 2 | 8 |  | 4 | 5 |  | 6 |  | 7 | 8 | $\theta$ |
| 89 | $\begin{array}{r}\text { A. } \\ \text { g. } \\ 67,250 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | Rs, $a$ <br> $8,32,990$ 12 | P. | $\begin{array}{r}\text { A. } \\ \text { 8. } \\ \text { 87,250 } \\ \hline 17\end{array}$ |  | p. | . Re. 4,07\% 10 | . ${ }^{\text {p. }}$ | $\begin{array}{\|ccc\|}\text { Ras. } & \text { a } & p \\ 91,012 & 2 & 1\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr}\text { Re. } & \text { an } & \text { p. } \\ 1,14,014 & 1 & 11\end{array}$ | $\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{rrr}\text { Hs, } & \text { anc } & \text { p. } \\ 23,001 & 15 & 10\end{array}\right.$ |
| * In column 6 of Trable No. I. the total assessment of Government land 18 shown as Re, 3,28,687 and ia column 5 of Table No. II <br>  deducted $=\mathrm{Ro}_{0} 3,28,918-1-8$ as under :- |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total Govbrnmint Ailrnated Land. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Surter Sxgrrm. |  |
| Late System. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Total Government and A henated Land, Columne 6 and 8. | Net increase cansed by the 8urvey. |
| Assessment and Salámi acoording to Columne 3 and 7. |  | Cesses which were |  |  |  |  |  | Total of old By ${ }^{\text {stem. }}$ |  |  |  |
|  |  | Imposed as fixed Salami on Cultirated Land. |  |  | struck or. Total Cesses. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10 |  | 11 | 19 |  | 13 | 14 |  | 25 |  | 16 | 17 |
| $\begin{array}{r} R_{0} \\ 4,84,008 \end{array}$ | a. pr <br>  24 | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs, } & \text { as } & \text { p. } \\ \text { 7al } & 18 & 5\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs, } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 1 & 7 & \\ 1 & & \end{array}$ |  |  | $\begin{array}{rcc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { pl } \\ \text { 1,032 } & 15 & 8\end{array}$ |  | R28. A. P. <br> 085 19 5 |  | $\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { RB6 } & \text { a } & \mathrm{Pe}_{0} \\ 4,48,027 & 3 & 2\end{array}$ |  |

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| Suryey Syetem-contd. |  | Deduct Remissions, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mascellaneous tems of Land Revenue, Sale of Grass, | Total Gross Revenue according to the Settlement | Inorease of Agsesgment calused by the Survey. | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Miscel- } \\ & \text { laneous. } \end{aligned}$ | Total Remiselons, | Remanns to be colleoted. | Collected up to 31st of July 1867. | Excess collected Fagal, | Net Balance outstanding on 31st July 1897. |
| 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ \text { 8,170 } & 11 & \text { i1 } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { his. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 4,52,097 & 15 & 1 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Rs, } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 51,942 & 12 & 8 \end{array}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{lll} \text { R日, a. } & \text { p. } \\ 98 & 3 & 6 \end{array}\right\|$ | $\begin{array}{cccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ \text { 52,041 } & 0 & 2\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { RS. } & \text { anc } & \text { p. } \\ 4,00,050 & 14 & 11\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { R8, } & \text { a. } & \text { P. } \\ \text { 4,20,646 } & \mathrm{g} & 0\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrrr}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 28,858 & 15 & 6\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{llll}\text { Rs. a. } & \text { p. } \\ 8,269 & 5 & 5\end{array}$ |

61. Under this head there is apparently a decrease of Rs. 4,077-10-i0, but in reality Assessment of Government land. there is an increase of Rs. 12,883-13-2, because the quit-rent on narva báharkalli land, amounting to Rs. 16,961-8-0, must, for the sake of comparison, be considered as assessment of Government land. Under the old system the phanla of the narva includes the assessment both of Government narva and narva baharkalli land, whereas according to the new system the latter is excluded from the head of Government and is entered as alienated.
62. The following figures show the increase clearly :-

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& \text { Collections in 1865-66... ... ... ... ... ... ... } 3,329290 \text { 12 } 1 \\
& \text { Survey Assessment. }
\end{aligned}
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63. Independent of this increase is the assessment of waste land amounting to Rs. $10,539-11-0$, showing a total increase of Rs: 23,423-8-2.
64. After deducting Rs. 16,961-8-0, as shown above, on account of quit-rent and the Ahenated land. four anna summary settlement on Narva Báharkalli land, reasoṇs for which are as follows :-
(a) On account of the quit-rent imposed on Ilaidi land transferred after inquiry to this head, on the principle sanctioned for the late Mátar Táluka.
Vide Memorandum of the Reve
nue Commissioner, $\mathrm{N}_{\mathrm{D}}$., No. 612A. dated 25th Apral 1863, to Superintendent, Revenue Survey, para graph 3.
(c)
bandi" (c) Surplus assessment (according to the late system) of a Government of "kháta(d) The conversion of a salami on the alienated lands held with them.
into fixed salamis on alienated land of the assessment payable under the late system now or originally by persons liable to them, Quit-rent and cesses on alienated quit-rents, cesses, \&c., on alienaited land has been carried out in
accordance with the instructions already land.
66. The udhad jamában tar talukas of your collectorate, and requires no remarks.

Regarding miscellaneous items. sum of Rs. 801-4-3 paid sum of Rs. 801-4-3 paid yearl credited in "Napa wanta," amounting to Rs. 523-11-3, is credited in the accounts of Namounting to RS, $523-11-3$, is
yearly direct into the Mámlatdar's treasury, whereas a further bringing the total amount to Colloctor has been addressed on this, is credited to the village anging the total amount to credit in the village of Népa widnta.
bigha (b) The change of the "asra" into the measured bigha in reckoning the amount of, fixed bigoti
salamis,
into fixed salamis on alienated land held now or originally by persons liable to them. other tálukas of your collectorate already issued for Mátar and salanmually paid by the Thákor of Napa on account of the salámi of the "Nápa Wánta" amounting to Rs, 523.113 is .

The Phasal has been saved in many Narva villages,
67. A saving of Rs. $3,897 \cdot 6-8$ has been effected in the payment of phazal in narva villages on the following account. 68. The jamábandi papers of narva villages were prepared on the same principle as those of khalsa mazmun villages (showing the increase and decrease caused by the sarvey in each occupancy), and the excess has been entered ander the head of remissions.
69. It is, however, to be remembered that the entire body of narvádárs in narva Section 8, Regulation XVII, of villages are "jointly and severally responsble" for the total jama of the village. They are therefore entitled only to a refund of the difference between the total sum of the village revenue under the old and new systems. The difference between this sum and the total revenne under the old and new systems. The difference between.
70. In Borsad Kasbo an annual remíssion of the rates of salami was granted to certain Remission to Kasbatis and others Kasbátis and Kolis on account of the heavy pressure, and
in Bocause the area of land in their possession was less than that because the area of land
shown in the accounts.
71. In the settlement the quit-rent has been fixed according to the rate on the exact area found by measurement; so for the future no remission on this account will be granted, and even this year there was no occasion to give the whole amount, except in cases where the new settlement was in excess of the old net payment.
72. It is gratifying to know that, with the exception of Rs. 671-15-5 (the greater Collection of the Revenue. part of which has since been recovered), all the revenue was collected before the close of the revenue year.
73. The bagáyat kasar has been fixed on each well on the principle sanctioned by Bágayıt kasar the Revenue Commissioner* and referred to in the Nadiád *No. 665 of the 11th February report; but it was found advisable to make a change in the 1867. system of its distribution over the numbers irrigated by the well. Formerly, in a majority of cases, the kasar was put on the number in which the well stood. It is now distributed over all the numbers which are irrigated by right.
74. The following are the principal disadvantages resulting from putting the entire amount of the kasar on one number :-
(a) Because it is possible that mistakes may be made in entering the names of the sharers in the settlement papers (which may not be discovered till after the settlem ment), thus making the kasar have unequal incidence.
(b) In case of a cultivator selling part of his hak-walo land, with a proportionate
right in water, the purchaser pays to Government the dry crop assessment of the number purchased only, but the entire water kasar remains in the name of the original occupier, and can be transferred to the name of the purchaser, only in event of the seller disposing of his whole share.
(c) When an occupant sub-lets one of his numbers to a tenant, the former generally binds the latter to pay the Government assessment, and takes from him some preminm besides. In such cases the occupantr.loses the proportionate water rate, because the whole amount has been entered in his name.
75 . - Before calculating the Borsad kasar we gave our best attention to the subject, and came to the conclusion that the kasar (fixed on the sanctioned principle) should be - equitably distributed over all the lands watered by right by each sharer.
76. The result has been very satisfactory - so satisfactory in fact that all the difficulties enumerated in a former paragraph are removed, and no doubt or misunderstanding remains in the minds of the people, who are quite satisfied with the settlement. Government receives the same amount of revenue, and a perfect settlement of the apportionment of the kasar over each number is put on record.

Ilaidi lands.
Tide $M_{\mathrm{r}}$. Pedder's report on the commutation of quit-rents and lluctuating cesses in Mátar, No. 3, of 11 th $\Delta$ pril 1863 .
77. The following statement shows how the settlement of this land has been completed on the sanctioned principle:-

Total Area and Assessment.


Of which

| Have been entered as Government and tully assessed. |  | Have been entered as Alinated, |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Area. | Assossment. | Aren. | Asbessment. | Salam. | Naksan, |
| 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| $\begin{array}{cc}\text { A } & \text { g. } \\ 1,078 & 6\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Rs. } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 4,720 & 12 & 0\end{array}$ | Acres. 474 | $\begin{array}{ccc}\text { Ris. } & \text { an } & \text { p. } \\ \text { 2,089 } & 8 & 0\end{array}$ | Rs* a. p <br> 1,150   | $\begin{array}{ccc} \text { Rs, } & \text { a. } & \text { p. } \\ 939 & 2 & 0 \end{array}$ |

78. It will be seen that this distribution is in accordance with the instructions contained in the Revenue Commissioner's letter No. 660 A , of 19 th March 1864.
79. The settlement was made on the same principle as that adopted in other talukas Khâtábandi land. of the Collectorate. The khátábandi lands of this táluka have been divided into three classes :-
(a) I.-When Government and alienated lands are both included in one patta,
(b) II.-When only Government land is included in the patta.
(c) III.-When no pattas are forthcoming, but the land has been entered in the account as khátabandi for a long period.
No notice was taken of the second class (b II.) In the first (a I.) and third ( $c$ III.) classes, if the survey assessment was less than the old jama, the difference was put on the alienated land, found in the khata, as a quit-rent.

There is a decrease in the assessment of khátábandi land of Rs. 6,271-3-0. Of this sum Rs. 964 are distributed on alienated land.
80. In narva villages the fruit trees and their produce are the property of the Fruit Trees and therr produce, narvádárs; and as the revenue from this source in senja villages is insignificant (amounting, as it did last year, to Rs. 803 only), it seems very desirable to make no invidious distinction as regards this item between villages held on the senja and narva tenure, and I would most respectfully recommend that both in this tilluka and Nadıád the fruit trees should be given with the occupancy, or if there should be any objection to this, that the sale of the right in these trees to the occupants of the numbers on which they stand should be left to the discretion of the settling officers, who, in putting an upset price thereon, would be guided by the merits of each case. This is desirable because in many cases trees of this disorption have been planted very recently by present occupiers, and in others they have been standing on the ground from time immemorial. In some cases ather parties than the occupants of numbers have rights in the trees, which rights require to be settled and defined,

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\text { Narva. } \quad \text { 81. There are } 5 \neq \text { narva villages in this district. }
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82. In the early part of the season we set about ascertaining the wishes of the narvádárs as to the retention of ths phálla system, or the substitution of the survey assessment. Considerable misapprehension prevalled amongst the narvádárs, who were undere .the impression that by their agreeing to adopt the survey ákar they would be tacitly acknowledging the rupture of the narva tenure. In addition to careful personal explanation, an assurance in writing was given that by adopting the survey akár, in preference to the old phálla system, the stability of their tenure would not be endangered. Our exertions in explaining the benefits which all would derive by adopting the akár were crowned with success. Out of a total of 54 , villages, 35 villages agreed to ths akar, the remainder preferring to retain the phálla system,
83. In an appended statement the villages which agreed to the ákár are distinguished from those which retained the phálla.

Statement No. II. (marked B) shows, comparatively, the past and future assessment of each narva village; the following is an abstract of this statement -

84. It appears from the above that (after materially relieving the narvádárs of several villages in which the burden of a high jama (Rs. 15,857-3-6) pressed very heavily) there is on the whole narva settlement an increase of revenue amounting to Rs, 5,059-11-9.
. 85. It seems necessary to notice specially the villages in which the assessment has been increased or decreased considerably by the introduction of the survey rates.
86. The following table shows these villages and gives the extent of land, the average rates and the bond fide jama both according to the old and new systems :-

87. The cause of the increase and decrease respectively in the villages noted in the margin is the extreme unevenness of the old rates, which were either

1. Piplav.
2. Waradala
. Sandeshar.
3. Khadána. excessively heavy or out of all proportion low. There was a particular reason for fixing a high jamábandi under the old system, in Pipláv, which I can best explain by quoting the following paragrapi from a letter on the subject addressed to me by the Assistant Settlement Officer:-
"Paragraph 4.-The chief cause of the great decrease is that the village was taken up or a very large sum (by strangers) at the commencement of British rule, and after the expiry of this lease the jama was fixed on the basis of that paid by the Izárdar, by which expry we seen that this village has been paying an extraordinarily high assessrent for it wany years."

In Wadode while the cultivators of mazmun land paid, according to the old system, n average rate of Rs. 4-14:0 per acre, the narvadars paid Rs. 2-11-0 only, so that up to this time the latter have, in comparison, paid a very low assessment.

The cause of the decrease in the narva land of Nápád is the transfer of a large extent from the head of "narva" to that of "alienation," from which it will be apparent that the narvadars have up to this time paid a very high jama (on account of alienated land), a very large portion of which was in the possession of other parties.
88. There is a large increase in Karramsad ( 1,370 acres) resulting from the sarvey
 Jitoria Sandeshar Gana $\quad .$.

It is true that up to this time Karramsad has paid a very much lower assessment, in oportion, than the surrounding villages, but it does not follow that on that accoutnt it phould continue to do so. The narvadar's attempted to make out that they ind this was to shoula wanta land of the Thákur of Napad in former troubled times, and in this way to account for the moderate jama they have been paying, but of course no proofs were forthcoming.
89. In all narva villages a summary settlement of 4 annas in the rupee has been
granted when the Settling Officer was satisfied that such a
Fow Annas Summary Settlement. settlement was borne out by entered as Government narva,
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It was the duty of the survey to impose the full assessment thereon. This is no doubl considered a hardship by the narvádárs, but they have no just cause for complaint, as they get a half share of the gross produce from the cultivators.
90. The principal cause of the increase in Khadána is owing to the imposition of th full assessment on Ilaidi land included in the narva ( 157 acres and 32 gunthás.)

The former average rate was Re, 1-12-0 per acre only, whereas under the survey it it Rs. 3-12-0.
91. Firsad has paid up to this timy, and for a long poriod, a fixed jamábandi, The increase caused by the survey is owing to the large excess of land discovered by measurement, viz. 667 acres.
92. The principle of excluding fractions in calculating the anna value of the phalla,

Exclusion of fractions in the Anna value.

93. The inquiry into narva báharkalli land has been made on the principle explained Inquiry regarding Narva Ba. in the Nadiad report, but in this taluka the work was espeharkall lapd.
*No. III marked C. cially heary and onerous The accompanying statement ${ }^{*}$ shows that out of 54 narva villages narva báhagrkalli was found in 42. More than 6,000 persons were summoned before the Settling Oficer to give particulars regarding their tenure, and till this information had been duly recorded the settlement of the villages could not be proceeded with, becanse the area of Government and alienated land respectively had to be decided before the new jama could be calculated.
94. In this taluka (where land is very valuable) the narvadárs very generally agreed to pay the full assessment to Government on narva baharkalli land in their oun possession independent of the payment which, according to the old system, was due to the original owners.
95. With the exception of Somáv, Pilar, and Kanthária, all the villages agreed to exclude narva báharkalli land from the narva and to give sanads to the alienees.
96. The reason why the narvádars of Somá would not agree to the exclusion of bábarkalli narva from the narva, was an idea that by making this concession they would lower themselves in the opinion of neighbouring narva villages.
97. In Piplár there are two principal or muksh bhágs. One belongs to the Virsad Amıu, who did not wish to exclude baharkalli; and the other to a comparatively poor iman, who, after paying a very heavy jama for a long time, was favonrable to the exclusion of the báharkalli and ridding himself of a portion of the burden. The other bhágdár, being a sensible and reasonable man, agreed to a reduction of the jama of the other bhag on account of the narva báharkalli land, and the settlement was made accordingly.
98. The narvadiurs of Kantharia vere desirous to exclude from the narva not only narva báharkalli land, but "narva báharkalli santháli" also. The Settling Officer could not accede to their wishes as regards "santháli," as it appeared on inquiry apnd from the records that the santháli lands had paid the full assessment hitherto, but the narvadárs would not agree to exclude the pure narva baharkalli unless the santháh was excluded also. They were summoned more than once with a view to coming to terms, but as they declined to pass any agreement the jama is fixed on the total lands of the narva.

Yy. Atter all the settlement papers had been prepared, however, the marvadars of Pipláp and Khántária expressed a desire that the narva báharkalli should be excluded. They were informed that they were too late, but that their cases would be reported to higher authority and final orders given hereafter.
100. The following figures show the result of the inquiry into and settlement of narva báharkalli:-

101. In the villages noted in the margin disputes regarding customary tenures were Vehra Kavita, Piplav, and brought forward at the jamábandi. Every exertion was Khanpur. made to bring about a right understanding between the narvádárs and their cultivators. In Vehra Kavita and Piplár the narvárdárs not only recognised the rights of customary tenants, but were induced to give reasonable remissions on the rent paid by them. In Pipláv the cultivators of one bhag Were not satisfied with the remission and pházal offered by the narvadárs, but urged that the whole amount reduced by the new settlement should be paid to them. Under these circumstances the pházal of that bhág has not been paid, but is held in deposit pending a special reference on the subject to the Revenue Commissioner, $N$. $D_{\text {., who will be requested to pass }}$ an order thereon.
102. In Khánpur the narvádárs and cultivators came to terms, but before the com. pletion of the settlement several questions arose between them which could not be settled to their matual satisfaction.

In consequence of this the settlement could not be completed in this village, and the collections were made according to the old system, pending a reference on the points at issue to the Revenue Commissioner, N. D. .
103. The introduction of the new narva settlement into Nowli depends apon the disposal of the question regarding the wánta lands in that village, which has been referred for the opinion of the Remembrancer of Legal Affairsery the Kevenue Commissioner, N, D. If it is fiñally decided that this wanta shall be included in the narva, the total new jama will be Rs. 8,091-3.0; if nots. Rs. 7,497-14-0.
104. The last subject to be foticed connected with the narva settlement is the gltera tion in the system of dastributing the phalla in those villages in which the baharkalli lands were excluded, and the narvadars adhered to the phalla system. In some villages they agreed to a reduction of the value of annas according to the extent of alienated land excluded from the total narva. This plan, although not so simple and easy of application as the "ákar" settlement, is equitable, because it gives relief to those sharers who hold much narva báharkadli land.
105. In one village (Bodál) the narvádárs wished to make the phálla not according to the original value, but on the extent of land in the possession of each narvadár. This plan was carried out and is almost as good as that of the "akár "tettlement, the results being the same.
106. In conclusion it is necessary to state that the inquiries alluded to in paragraph 93 engrossed almost all the time of the Assistant Settlement Officer during the enture season.
107. The principal work remaining in the narva villages is the erasare of the names. of deceased narvadárs which are still standing in the accounts, and also those which on account of the sale, transfer, or mortgage of the land to which they appertain, require alteration.
108. In substituting for the above the names of . present holders by succession, sale, or division of shares, the attendance of every narvadar is necessary, as all the requisite inquiries as to right, \&cc., must be made before any new entries can be recorded.
10). Pari passu with this inquiry a complete statement of present occupancy mast be prepared. This whll be undertaken next season, and pending its completion no ikrarnamás can be cummenced.
110. The time, labour, and care required in settling narva villages is well described in Mr. Trevor's report on the settlement of four villages in Mehmadabad and Mahadha talukas, to which I would refer you.
111. Every exertion will be made to complete the sork appertaining to the preparation of ikrarnámes (so soon as we shall have received final orders on the subject, but our not having any special judicial powed in an off-hand manner.
to be expected that it can 112. It now only remains for me to give, in a few
112, It now the results of the new settlement. The average

Financial result of the Settl ment, and new average rates. words, the resula follows

113. The general financial results of the settlement on all descriptions of land, and the increase caused by the commutation of fluctuating cesses and quit-rents, into fixed payments, is set forth in an abstract form in the following statement, and will, I trust, be considered satisfactory:-

Rs. $\quad$ an " p ,

or about 7 per cent.
114. I respectfully request that the guarantee for the rates now introduced may be given for the senja villages of this tálnka. The guarantee for the narva villages cannot be given till a final answer regarding "ghar-bháru" and tenant right shall have been received. The guarantee will be for thirty years from 1862-63, the year in which the first settlement was introduced in the Kaira Collectorate.
115. All the hard work connected with the introduction of the revised rates in this táluka fell upou Mr, Beyts, the Acting Superintendent, and the Assistant Settlement Officer, Ráo Báhadur Shambuprasad Laxmilal, as almost immediately after the commencement of the jamábandi I proceeded to Poona to take charge of the office of Survey and Settlement Commissioner, N. D. Both these officers exertied themselves to the utmost, and staid out very late in the rainy season to accomplish their object. It is not too much to say that in the hands of less zealous officers this very difficult and complicated settlement could not have been completed,
116. Mr. Shambuprasád is a most valuable and efficient public servant : possessing great suavity of manner, and considerable firmness of character, combined with a very intimate knowledge of all the varieties of tenure in Gujarat, his services cannot be too highly rated, for without great patience, perseverance, and untiring eaergy, all the work required for a Gujarat settlement could not be got ready in the allotted time.

117 Appended to this report are two maps, and three fogured statements. One map shows all the villages, roads, rivers, \&c., of the Borsad Taluka. The other shows, in different colours, the several groups of villages, as classed for assessment,

118, Neither of these maps are printed, as the taluka they represent has been entirely changed by the transfer of some villages and the addition of others. The new map of the Kaira Collectorate is published, and shows the new Borsad Táluka as at present constituted.
119. The Statements are:-

1. (marked A).-A comparative statement showing the effect of the Settlement
II. (marked B).-Showing the effect of the Survey Settlement in the Narve
villages of the Borsad Taluka. III. (marked C). - Statement of Narva Báharkalli land as nov settJed.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant, (Signed) C. J. PRESCOTT, Superintendent, Revenue Survey and $\Delta$ ssessment, Gajarát.

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\text { No. } 1408 \text { of } 1668 .
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## Refente Department.

To

## The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, BOMBAY.

## Sir,

I have the honour to submit, for the orders of Government, a report from the Superintendent of the Gujarát Revenue Survey, propesing revised rates of assessment for the Taluka Borsad in the Kaira Collectorate. The report, though dated the 13th October last, did not reach me untal the beginning of Eebruary, and its transmission has been delayed since then for the receipt of opunion frem the Collector, through whom it should have been sent in the first instance. While on thas subjeot, I would beg to saggest that, to prevent such delay in fature, assessment reports may be allowed to be sent ap to Government in manuscript, and the printed capies requized by the orders of Government forwarded when they are ready, or the whole correspondence be printed ah once when the final orders of his Excellency in Council have been passed.
2. I will not take up the time of Government with recapitulating the details given in Major Prescott's report relating to the situation of the táluka, its area, physical features, climate, markets and population. This last is denser than in any taluka that has hitherto come ander settlement, not excepting Nadiad, and the fact of 86 per cent. of the whole arable area being actually under cultrvation, coupled with the favourable agricultural statistres" brought to notice, prove that the talluka generally is in a remiarkably prosperons condition. The existence of three of the Stations of the Boonbay, Baroda and Central Indsa Railway, viz., Nadiad, A'nand, and Vassad, either within or close to the hmits of the taluka holds out every prospect for the continuance of that prosperity, and the eventaal extension of the line to Nimach and Delhi will open up important markets for the disposal of its tobacco and other valuable products.

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3. The drainage question mentioned in paragraphs 27 to 35 of the report is already before Government, and the experimental clearance of one of the drains has been commenced.
4. It will be seee frotn the report that, notwithstanding the large average collections of land rovenue, the remissions in the last ten jears haring been almost nominal, and amounting for 21 years to only a little over one par cent,, there has been an merease in cultivation (according to the dragram) from abont 61,851 aeres in 1845-46 to 64,393 in $1865-$ 66. At the same time it mant be noticed that the area has only steadily risen within the last ten years entered in the diagram, which have been years of almost nnprecedently higli ralues of pgricultural produce, and that the rates of assessment whioh have given buch a hagh average as Rs. $5-4-2$ per acre (peragraph 50 ) led to very little increase in the preceeding ten years in which prices had not risen. The evident conclusion to be drawn from these points is thut although we may trust to the effect of the railway in equalising the values of agrioultural produce, and preventing those of these distant districte falling miuch below those of the great market of Bombay, it would not be safe in \& thirty years' settlement to mase the general pitch of assessments, and thus leave no margin for a poseble general fall in prices.

[^25]5. The maximum dry-crop rate adopted in Nadiad was, it will be recollected, Rs. 6-4-0, but only in the six Patis or divisions comprised in the town of Nadiad, which Rs. has a railway station and a large market in itself. The real maximum may be considered to has a railway se 6 Rupees, which is also that proposed for the first class of villages in Borsad, and I think, taking all things into consideration, that the Saperintendent has acted wisely in adopting it. This gives an average dry-crop rate per acre in this class of a little over 5 Rupees, which is in excess of that under the old system, and is as high as it can bear.
6. The maximum for the next group of villages is half a Rupee below that for the first, and those for the $3 \mathrm{rd}, 4$ 4th, and 5 th groups are in succession four annas less than that of the group above each. The reasons for the grouping given at paragraph 52 of the report are correct, and the grouping and maximum rates generally may be approved. The exceptional circumstances which render it advisable to form a special class of 9 villages near the Máhi river, with a maximum dry-crop rate 12 annas lower than that of the 5th group, are noted at paragraph 54, but it may be also explained that their soil is decidedly inferior to that of the other groups in a degree which the Survey classification could hardly provide for, in consequence of the fertilising alluvial particles in it being more liable where the ground is full of ravines to be continually, thongh insensibly, washed out.
7. In paragraphs 55 and 56 the Superintendent has explained that the water classification in rice lands in the táluka is low, and that he has fixed the maximum rates for th water in then at one Rupee less than the soil assessment. I am not prepared to admit the correctness of this method of assessment, which gives a decrease in rate on account of distance from market in water as well as dry crops, which is unnecessary. The water classification in the several villages is not given, so that I am unable to analyse, the effect of the system on the assessment in different groups, but as the total area of rice cultivation in the taluka is only 4,927 out of 67,250 acres, it is not of much account, and may be left to the Superintendent's discretion.
8. It will be seen from paragraph 58 that the same maximum water rate as that adopted in Nadiad has been fixed in Borsad. The circumstances of both being very similar, this may be sanctioned. I had better explain that care has been taken in this taluka also to make all the allowances described in my report on Nadiad in applying this rate to the lands situated under different wells.
9. The general average assessment under the new system is Rs. 4-14-2 per acre as against Rs. $5-4-2$ under the old, being a reduction of 6 annas. On account of Government cultivated land the actual reduction is Rs. 4,077-10-10 (paragraph 60) on a total of Rs. $3,32,990-12-0$, or not $1 \frac{1}{4}$ per cent. The reduction would really be more were it not for the increase under the new system on account of concealed cultivation discovered by the Survey measurements, and the assessment of a grod deal of land hitherto entered as dry crop at rice rates. The comparison in paragraph 60, by which it would appear that there is a real increase of Rs. 12,833-13-2, hardly holds good, for whereas under the old system the narvádárs in narvádári villages, and direct holders of land in senja (directly managed) villages, paid the Rs. $3,32,990-12-0$, they will now pay only the Rs. $3,28,913-1-3$, and the holders of alienated land the Rs. 16,96l-0-8. Government benefits by so much more revenue certainly, but that does not result in an extra pressure on its own tenants and the narwadárs. There is still room for an increase of revenue by the cultivation of waste lands of Rs 10,539-11-0. On the whole, therefore, I think the settlement may be considered satisfactory, and beg to recommend the rates for sanction for thirty years, reckoning from 1862.63, the date of the first introduction of a revised settlement into the collectorate, in all villages, but those in which it may be found necessary, in consequence of the complications of the narvádári tenure, to make other arrangements. It will be understood that this guarantee will ouly extend to revenue derivable from arable lands, and not to that which may be assessed on gabban or village sites in connection with the settlement of the question of ghar-bháru ( ̧́dusè̈-rent).
10. The settlement of quit-rents and cesses on alienated lands, both those included Paragraphs 65, 77 to 79, 93. hitherto in the narwas and those paying direct to Government, has been carried out in accordance with orders already passed,
11. The measures reported in paragraphs 66 to 71 of the report are correct, and may be approved.
12. The result of the distribution of the " bágayat-kasar," or assessment on account of well-irrigation over the fields having a right to the water (paragraphs 73 to 76 ), is satisfactory.
13. As reported with regard to Nadiad, the adoption of Mr. Elli's rules of 1862 for the disposal of fruit trees (paragraph 80) throughout the collectorate has been directed.
14. It is satisfactory to find (paragraph 82), that 35 out of the total number of 54 uarvádári villages have agreed to pay henceforward according to the Survey assessment on the several shares, instead of the system of apportionment of rental in various complicated ways hitherto prevailing. The settlement of Bodal (paragraph 105) has been effected
15. The causes of the large increase and decrease of assessment, arising from the in troduction of the survey settlements severally in Wadode, Khadole and Khadana, and in Piplav, Nápád, Wadla, Umbav, and Sandesar, given in the 87 th and and Kiadana, and in are clear and satisfactory. Inquiry is progressing with regard to Karramsad and Virsad which claim fixed rentals. The rates may be sanctioned in these as in other villages, with a view to their realisation according to law, but the question of their tenure mast be left
16. The principle of excluding fractions from the value of the apportioned shares of rental in narvadari villages which have not agreed to pay according to the survey assessment of the lands in their several shares, reported in paragraph 92, may be approved.
17. The case of the village of Kanthária, mentioned in paragraph 99, has been reported on subsequently and settled, the exclusion of the alienated land being allowed. The refund of excess of collections in Pipláv (paragraph 101), in which the narvadárs have come to terms, will be settled when reported on. I may mention, however, that in a similar case in Nadiád I have already directed the refund, becanse the tenure will not admit of our forcing the narvadárs to give remissions to their customary tenants. In the village of (paragraph 103) will be decided after receipt of the Legal Remembrancer, That of Nowli
18. 'I am glad to be able to report that the work mention connected with the preparation of settlement papers in satisfactorily. The Assistant Settlement Officer has obtained miri vilages is progressing cessary for that' of the Ikrárnámás in the most praiseworthy and indefatigable manneThe Courts will, no doubt, receive the entries in these as good evidence of facts, but I have already pointed out that these records will not have the foree of Judicial decrees, and must thus lose much of their value. This does not, however, in the least detract from Mr. Shambuprasad's conspicuous ability in preparing them.
19. The figures showing the general financial results of the entire settlement of the taluka as a whole, both senja and narvadári villages, with the commated quit-rents and summary settlement on all alienated lands, and the assessment on waste, given at paragraph 113, have been misprinted. Rs. 29,003 should be Rs. 92,003 ; with this alteration the item of Rs. 17,044-11-11 will be found correct. The total increase on the talluka is, as will be seen, Rs, 28,144-15-6, or about 7 per cent.

Revenue Survey and Arsessment,

## No. 3318.

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## Bombay Castle, 1st September1868.

Letter from the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., No, 1408, dated 6th April 1868-Submitting, with his remarks and observations, a report from the Superintendent of the Gujarát Revenne Sar vey, proposing revised rates of assessment for the Talnka of Borsad in the Kaira Collectorate

Resolution,-In forwarding the report of the settlement of the Borsad Taluka, the Revenue Commissioner suggests that in future such reports should be sent to Government in manuscript. Bat the delay in the present case affords no sufficient reason for adopting this coarse. The Revenue Commissioner should be requested to urge on the Officers concerned the necessity for having the papers printed in reasonable time. The mistakes in this report are very numerons. Greater care should be taken, and no report shonld be ellowed to pass through the Press without careful revision of the proof by the writer of the report.
2. The rates proposed and the grouping of the several classes of villages appear judicious, and may be approved and adopted. The only alteration necessary is in the rate of Gámri, a village which should certainly be classed with A'nand, being quite as advantageously situated as regards the Railway Station. This village, therefore, shonld likewise have the 6 Rupee rate. In other respects the rates proposed by the Superintendent, and approved by the Revenue Commissioner, are confirmed.
3. The rates may be guaranteed for a period of thirty years from 1862-63. There seems to be no reason for naking any exception in narva villages, except to observe the orders already given in respect to gharbharu lands in those villages. With this reservation, the guarantee may be given to narva villages, as well as to others.
4. The large number of narva villages in this taluka that have consented to abandon Paragraph 14, the old complicated system of calculation for the more simple Parograph 14, method of apportionment according to the survey assessment
is very satisfactory. This result reflects great credit on Mr. Shambhaprasad's tact and judgment. The ability displayed by this officer is also favourably noticed by the Revenue Commissioner in connection with the preparation of the Ikrarnámás.
5. The other points noticed by the Revenue Commissioner appear to hafe been proper Iy disposed of, and the satisfaction of Government with the settlement made may be cons; municated to Major Prescott, the Superintendent of the Survey.
6. There has been an nnavoidable delay in the issue of this Resolation owing to the non-receipt of certain papers from the Revenue Commissioner.

> (Signed) F. R. S, WYLLIE,
> For Acting Cbief Secretary to Government.

To the Revenuef Commissioner, N. D., Major C. J. Prescort, Acting Survey and Settlement Commissioner, S. D.

## No. 1440.

HXTRACT from the Proceadings of the Government of Bowbay in the Revenue Department, dated 8th April 1869.

Fead the following Despatch from Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for India, to His Excellency the Right Honourable the Gorernor in Council, Bombay, No. 9, dated 25th Pebruary $1869:=$
Para. 1. I have considered in Council the proceedings of your Excellency on the in:troduction of the revised rates of assessment into the talukas of Borsad and Nadiad, in the Kaira Collectorate, which were transmitted in the letters from your Secretary numbered 49 and 54 , and dated respectively the 26 th of September and 17 th of October last.
2. I approve these proceedings, which guarantee the settlement for thirty years from 1862-63, and am gratified to learn from the papers before me that the prosperous condition of these two tallukas promises to be permanent. Care has, nevertheless been wisely taken not to raise the rates, which have been much affected by the extraordinary rise in the value of agricultural produce, so high as not to leave a margin for a possible fall in prices.
3. The suitableness of the soil for tobacco of a superior kind is a circumstance which is likely to prove a source of profit to the Nadiad Taluka, and if the introduction of the superior sorts alluded to un my predecessor's despatch of the 24th of November last succeeds it will be very advantageous to the district.
4. I am glad to see that your Government encouraged the experiments already going on, and desired to be made acquaisted with the results of the reports. which you called for on the subject.
5. I have perused with high gratifcation the strong testimony which was borne by Mr. Rogers and Major Preseott, and endorsed by your Excellency in Council, to the industry, judgment, and conspicuous ability displayed by Mr. Shambhuprasad throughout these settlement proceedings.
6. Major Prescott's plan for checking smuggling, by licensing the cultivation of opium, seems worthy of consideration.

Resolution- Copies should be forwarded to the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., for in' ${ }^{\text {formation, }}$ and for communication to the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, and the Assistant Settlement, Officer, Gujarảt, with reference to Government Resolutions Nos. 3318 and 3586, dated respectively the 1st and 24th September last.
2. Extract paragraph 18 of Major Prescott's report on the settlement of the Borsad Táluka, with paragraph 6 of this despatch, should be sent to the Commissioner of Customs, Salt, and Opium, for the favour of his opinion and report.

Ordered that copnes of the above be forwarded to -
The Revenue Commissioneř, $\dot{N} . \operatorname{D}$.,
Majar C. J. Ppescott, Survey and Settlement Commissioner, S. D., 'The Commisstoneri' of Customs, Salt and Opium.

(Signed) WASUDEO PANDURUNG, For Chief Secretary to Government.

## The COLLECTOR or Kaira.

## Sir,

I have the honour to report for information of Government the introduction of the revised rates in Kansária and Jasarwa-two villages of the Borsad Taluka-recently become khálsa on the demise of Suraj, the widow of late alienee Pránshanker Onaiashanker, in accordance with resolution of Government, Revenue Department, No. 1555 of 1854.
2. As this resolation settles the tenure, it is unnecessary that I shonld enter into the origin of the original holding.
3. On intimation from you, $I$ at once took steps to impose the sarvey settlement under Section XXV of No. 1 of 1865, and completed the jamabandi for $1875-76$ on the 21st April last. I now beg to set forth the grounds npon which the settlement is based.
4. As the rate fixed by my predecessor, Col. C. J. Prescott, for the several gronps of the Borsad Taluka have been sanctioned by Government under Resolation No 3318 of the 1st September 1868, I am precluded from reconsidering the subject, and all that is now necessary is to assign these two villages their proper cluss in consideration of their position
and general character.
5. Kansaria is a small village chiefly inhabited by Kolis and Rajputs south of Borsad adjacent to the Kasba town, precisely in the manner Wasna is situated. 69 per cent. of the lands are alienated, so that the village on the whole is lightly assessed and prosperous. I therefore see no reason why it should not be rated like Waṣna, a second class village, as under:-

6. Jesarwa is a small Kunbi village lying west of Petlad adjacent to Pandoli and - Israma villages of the third class and of similar type, consequently the maximum rates are:-

7. I mast, however, state that Pallej, a village of the lst class, adjoins Jesarwa on its northern side, but the special consideration which induced my predecessor to put this fine village in a higher class than the group to which it belonged is not quite applicable to Jesarwa. I see no valid reason to assign it a higher class than Pandoli and Israma ; although the third class rates may slightly reduce the assessment of the village, which it cannot be denied is now very high.
8. I append seven statistical tables and have only to observe in regard to them that they show that the agricaltural resources of these two villages are in keeping with the general character of the Borsad Táluka.
9. I may, therefore, pass to the financial statement appended, of which the following is an abstract:-

Government Land.


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| Alienated Land, |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Kansaria Jesarwa |  |  |  | 826 | 934 | 13 per cents increase, |
|  | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | 180 | 147 |  |
|  |  | Total | ... | 956 | 1,081 |  |
|  | Gran | Total | ... | 4,016 | 3,999 |  |

10. The assessment upon 33 acres of waste land, Rs. 58 , is not noticed, because the land has been allotted rent-free for the use of the village cattle. The general result is a net Rs. $150-15-11$ by the survey settlement-vide column 16 of the Vasuli-bakipatrack subjoined.

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| Number $\mathrm{V}_{1}$ lages, | ON ACCOUNT OF ALIENATED LANDS. |  |  | TOTAL OF GOVERNMENT and alienated lands. |  |  | MISCELTANEOUS ITEMS OF LAND REVENUE. |  |  |  |
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|  | Latr Sysperm. | Survey <br> System. |  | Later <br> System. | SURVEY <br> Sxstrm. |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | Salami, dre. | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Fixed } \\ \text { com- } \\ \text { mated } \\ \text { Saláms. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Net increase caused by the Survey. | Assessment and Salámi according to columns 3 and 11. | Assess- ment and fixed Sala mecs accord 1ng to columns 9 and 12. | Net decrease caused by the Survey. | On account of Grass. | On account of Wood. | On account of Local Funds, | count of sale of truittrees. |
| 1 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | $15^{\circ}$ | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
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| 2 | Rs, a. p. |  | $\begin{array}{\|ccc\|}\text { Rs. a. } & \text { p. } \\ 4,438 & 9 & 1\end{array}$ | Ris. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ a | $\bullet$ | Rs. <br> 474 <br> 4 | Rs. a. p. <br> 3,964 6 1 | Rs. a. p. |  |  |

11. The average increase affected by the survey settlement in the whole taluka was 7 per cent, but Israma, the adjoining village to Jesarwa, was lowered $3 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. so that the present settlement, if it has affected nothing else, has equalised the rates, and ranged vilages of the taluka under one standard.
12. There are, however, several items in the appended memorandum, still requiring adjustment in favour of the revenue which will give the survey settlement a slight advantage over the former system, which was bighoti in Kansaria and Toolwari in Jesarwa.
13. The order passed by Government in the matter of fruit trees in Borsad, will, of course, be applicable to these two villages.
14. Sanction of Government should be abtained for rating these two villages (in due course through the Survey Settlement Commissioner, N. D.) to enable me to undertake the
final jamábandi this year.

I have the honour to be,<br>- Sir<br>Your most obedient Servant,<br>(Signed) N. B. BEYTS,<br>Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Gujarát.

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Oamp Wasan, 8th December 1876.

## Forwarded.

2. The circumstances of these two villages are so dissimilar that the figured statements prepared by the Superintendent would have been of more value had the villages been shown therein,separately, instead of being grouped together.
3. I have no objection to offer to the proposals of the Superintenento which I think are fair and reasonable.
4. At first sight the proposed increase from Rs. 679 to Rs. 933 in the Koli villages of Kansari appears excessive; but the soil of Kansari is good, the revenue has been realized without difficulty, and I find on enquiry that very little (only 16 acres) of the land is mortgaged to soucars. The soll is considered to be better than that of the village of Wasna, with which it has been classed.
5. The kos rate of Rs. 27 is fair. The former rates were from Rs. 6 to Rs. 10 per bigha.
6. Although the soil of Jesarwa is inferior to that of the surrounding villages, the water-supply is abundant and under irrigation the land produces excellent crops. The rates both for dry crop and kos, are reasonable.
7. The revenue of both villages was formerly taken by the Inámdar in kind. The people appear glad to see the system abolished.
8. I recommend the proposal of the Superintendent for sanction.
(Signed) F. SHEPPARD,
Collector, Kaira.
To Revende Commissioner (throdgh Survey Commissioner, N. D.)

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## Refener Department.

Nágothna, 14th December 1876.
Forwarded with the Survey and Settlement Commissioner's support to the Superintendent's proposals which, it will be seen, are approved of by the Collector.
2. He (the Survey Commissioner) notes that the Superintendent has omitted to state the period for which the lease should run and has accordingly called upon 'him to supply this information which will be forwarded hereafter. But the passing of orders need not be delayed on this account as the Superintendent may be informed that in accordance with standing orders the lease will be for the unexpired period of the general settlement lease of the táluka.
(Signed) J. F. FRANCIS,
Survey and Settlement Commissioner, N. D.

No. 257.

## Refende Department.

## Bombay Castle, 16th January 1877.

Letter from the Revenue Commissioner, Northern Division, No. 16, dated 6th Jánuary Superintendent of Survey's No. 1460 of 1876. 1877.-Forwarding correspondence noted in the Coilector of Kaira's margin relating to the assessment of the villages Survey Commissioner N. D.'s'No. 1971 "" of Kansari and Jesarwa in the Borsad Taluka of the Kaira Collectorate which lately lapsed to Government; and stating that he has no objection to offer to the rates proposed, which have been approved, both by the Survey and Settlement Commissioner, Northern Division, and the Collector, and may therefore be sanctioned till the year 1891-92, when the lease for the remainder of the táluka will expire.

Resolution :-The proposed rates are sanctioned up to $1891-92$, and the usual notifieation is to be published.
(Signed) T. D. MACKENZIE,
For Chief Seoretary to Government.

## No. 213 of 1895.

Surat, 21st February 1895.

## Forwarded with compliments to the Collector of Kaira

2. The undersigned has nothing to add in conneotion with the ten first paragraphs. In paragraph 11 Mr . Maconochie speaks of the storm floods that do much mischief in the taluka. These floods are the result of the great want of natural waterways in your district, owing to which the surface drainage, in abnormal years, assumes the proportions of vast floods which even -now cause incalculable damages. Since the revenue survey, mainly owing, it. is believed, to Major Prescott's writings on the subject, many drainage cuts have been made to help to carry off the storm waters. There is, however, as stated by Mr. Maconochie, no provision for their maintenance, and they have consequently become much silted. Toedrain your district effectively, however, the project for doing so cannot be complete unless for obvieus reasons it includes Cambay territory. In preparing the scheme it will be necessary to keep one important point in view, or the result may be somewhat disastrous. That point has reference to the existing rice cultivation which now depends so much for its success on the occurrence of the floods on a moderate scale. The lands which Mr. Maconochie saw submerged in December were, no doubt, so, owing to the cyclone of the previous October which added from 10 to 16 inches to the rainfall of the year in Gujarát.
3. It will be seen from paragraph 14 that tobacco plays an important part in the fortunes of Borsad also as in those of the talukăs already reported on. There is no doubt, as stated by Mr. Maconochie, that the western part of Borsad is the heart of the tobacco country, for the leaf of no other part of your district fetches such high prices as that of Pálaj, Rangaipura, Virsad, \&c. As shown by the undersigned in paragraph 17 of his Nadiád report, the growth of the plant had received a temporary check. That check has now been, for long years to come, -most effectively removed by the opening of the line to Rutlam The undersigned was, a week or two ago, in the Dohad and Jhálod tálukas o. the Panch Maháls, through the former of which the new line runs, and he learnt that the people of those parts smoked charotar tobacco. Before the opening of this line, the difficulties of the road into Málva and Central India were so great that, more tobacco from your district found its way into those countries vid. Bombay and Khandwa than by the direct roads. With the cheapening of the tobacco in those extensive markets the consumption of Kaira tobacco must increase by leaps and bounds in the next few years. And it is in this particular that the liberal policy of not taxing private improvements will tell with great effect on the prosperity of the peasantry of Kaira. Mr. Maconochie states that tuer is the main export crop of the eastern villages. The undersigned would add bájri to it: In 1891 he was camped at Vásad and he then saw a large export trade being done in that grain. Most of it was coming from Borsad way.
4. The undersigned is glad to observe that the result of Mr. Maconochie's personal observations bears him out in the opinion to which he gave expression in his Nadiád report, on the subject of the interference of the Sanitary Department with the people in the matter of the storage of manure. The State is raising its rents all round, and it is only right to expect that the khátedárs would be helped rather than effectively hindered, as they are, in the preparation of their home manure, which is the only means they have of keeping up the fertility of their fields. The undersigned would agaln strongly beg to draw the attention of the higher authorities to it. One mode out of the difficulty, though a very small one at first, is that indicated by Mr. Maconochie in his paragraph 54, that is, encouraging the cultivators to live on their lands.
5. Jn paragraph 16 Mr . Maconochie speaks disparagingly of Vásad as a market. The undersigned discovered during his stay at Vásad in December 1891 that, the Vasad merchants had become men of substance, and that they bought ip most of the produce that was brought to the station for sale. Besides the trade statistics are in favour of the opinion that Vásad has considerably grown as a market. In 1868, the year of the settlement, the Gazetteer shows
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that the goods traffic at Vassad amounted to 3,032 tons ; whereas, according' to Mr. Maconochie's figures, the same in recent years has been about 10,000 tons. The 'expansion has now, no doubt, reached its limit, especially as Petlád has come forward as a competitor.
6. In paragraph 18 Mr . Maconochie treats of a subject which has been attracting general attention; that is, the passing of the land from the cultivating to the money-lending class. While the "British authorities look upon this transfer of land on the whole as an evil, in the Native States it is encouraged even to the extent of ousting out the Kolis by authority to make room for the better classes of cultivators. It seems to the undersigned that, whilst this transfer is only on a moderate scale, as it now presumably is, it is productive of more good than evil, in that, more capital finds its way into the improvement of land than it otherwise would. Moreover, if it is looked upon as an unmixed evil, it cannot, do what one may, be checked beyond a certain narrow limit, considering the low intelligence of a large part of the agriculturad population. The undersigned is humbly of opinion that there are natural checks to the transfer ever becoming anything approaching wholesale, and consequently dangerous.* The most important one, it seems to the undersigned, is, that moneg-lending is in itself a far more lucrative business than cultivating land. And that this is so, careful enquiry will disclose most conclusively. Further it will be found that, on many money-lenders their new position of landed proprietors has been simply forced by the stress of circumstances, which made it plain to them that there was no other way to save at least some of the money advanced by them. Were it not that these checks have existed, the undersigned cannot see what could have prevented transfers on a far larger scale than what have occurred.
7. 'The undersigned, in order to render his remarks as brief as possible will, without comment, refer the Collector to Mr. Maconochie's paragraphs 19 to 35 , in which that officer describes how the táluka has prospered during the currency of the lease.
8. In his paragraph $36, \mathrm{Mr}$. Maconochie shows that the occupancy right of waste land fetches from Rs. 20 to Rs. 50 per acre. This compares well with some of the outlying talukas where such right practically commands no market value. In paragraph 29 he had pointed out that, for some of the lands acquired for the Petlád-Cambay road, as much as Rs. 700 or Rs. 800 per acre had to be paid, and that even these large amounts were considered by their owners as very inadequate.
9. In his paragraphs 37 to $42, \mathrm{Mr}$. Maconochie discusses the pros and cons for an increase of assessment for the new lease. The undersigned generally agrees with Mr. Maconochie's arguments, which turn in favour of an increase. Before passing on, however, he will question Mr. Maconochie's statement made in paragraph 40, to the effect that, he doubts that the Kanbis have actually decreased in number. The Gazetteer gives the population of the Kanbis in 1872 at 31,871, whereas Appendix E. of the report places it at 31,164. Considering that in paragraph 19, the increase in the population of the taluka is shown as 41,331 , or $45^{\circ} 4$, it does seem extraordinary that the most prosperous of all the communities should have only contributed towards reducing that increase. It will be seen that this tale agrees in effect with that-told in the reports of Nadiad and A'pand.
10. In paragraphs 43 to 47 , the important questions of the grouping and rating of the villages are discussed and settled. The undersigned agrees with Mr. Maconochie in reducing the groups from their present number 6 to 4. The taluka is very level, and the quality of the soil pretty constant throughout. Moreover, there is no variation in the eclimate, so that distance from the market is the only consideration which ought to influence the settlement officer in the equitable distribution of the assessment. The undersigned is of opinion that the new grouping, under present circumstances, is unexceptionable in all cases but those of two villages, viz. Khatnál and Vatra, which it seems to him should be rémoved from Group 4 to Group 3. In his Mátar settlement report, Major Prescatt classed the five detached villages at the extreme south of the taluka a group higher than those lying immediately to the north, because of their closer proximity to the seaport town of Cambay. Their maximum rate he proposed at

Rs. 4-4-0. . Both the grouping and the rate were sanctioned by Government. In the revision settlement this exceptional grouping and rating again received the sanction of Government. Looking at the map of your district, the five detached villages are quite twice the distance from Cambay that Khatnal and Vatra are. Major Prescott was, therefore, not consistent when he proposed a maximum rate of Rs. $4-4-0$ for the former, and only Rs. 4 for the latter. If Khatnal and Vatra are to be retained in Mr. Maconochie's 4th group, the inconsistency will be perpetuated for another lease. The undersigned would therefore recommend their being raised to the 3rd group. Not only. are they-good villages, their average soil classification being 13 annas 4 pies of Vatra and 14 annas 10 pies of Khatnăl, but à reference to the Mámlatdár shows that, their tobacco still finds an outlet through the port of Cambay. In fact a very large portion of the tobacco produce of this neighbourhood is, as shown by the undersigned in paragraph 15 of his Cambay settlement report, exported from the port of Cambay even to such distant countries as Arabia and Turkey. The promotion of these two villages as recommended will make their percentages to be 64.6 and $41^{\circ} 7$ instead of $33^{\circ} 4$ and $14^{\circ} 7$ respectively as per Q. Statement.
11. In giving his approval to Mr. Maconochie's grouping, the undersigned qualified it by the words "under present circumstances." By looking at the map; round Petlád, the reason for his doing so will become self-evident. The villages to the south"and west of the town, which is also a railway terminus, are as favourably situated in respect of it as those in the north, and should, in consequence, bear equal burden with them. But it would not be prudent to raise them two groups at once at this juncture. The undersigned merely records this opinion herefor the notice of the succeeding generation of settlement officers.
12. In paragraph 43 the proposed soil and water maximum rates are given. From a study of the $Q$. Statement they seem very judicious, and the undersigned would recommend their acceptance.
13. Mr. Maconochie has fallen into an error in his paragraph 48, wherein he states that, there is no irrigated rice in the talluka. Enquiry shows that of . old rice numbers there are 849 , with an area of 764 acres; and of new rice 48, containing 65 acres, which are irrigated from tanks.
14. The result of the application of the new rates is an increase of 13.8 per cent. on the whole talluka, the alteration proposed by the undersigned in paragraph 10 above affecting it but little. The actual increase will most probaragraph be about 11 per cent. This is small as compared with that of the Kaira tálukas already revised, but it must be remembered that, Borsad was the last, as well as the highest, assessed part of the whole of your Collectorate. .

T. R. FERNANDEZ, Depuity Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Gujarát.

## No. 889 of 1895.

From

> J. DeC. ATKINS, Esq., I. C. S., Collector of Kaira ;

To

G. .B. REID, Esq., I. C. S.,<br>Commissioner, Northern Division

Kaira, 21st March 1895.

## Sir,

I have the honour to forward with the following remarks a report oy mr. E. Maconochie and a review by Mr. T. R. Fernandez on the revision survey settlement of the Borsad Taluka of this District.
2. The settlements of four tálukas of Kaira have neen revised in rapid succession and that of Borsad is the fifth for revision. The revised rates for Nadiád and A'nand give us a line for Borsad, and as I have recently reviewed the settlement reports for the former two at some length, my rentarks on the present occasion may be brief. -
3. At original settlement the Borsad rates were based on the rates which had been applied to the " old "Nadiád Táluka which approximately consisted of the north of the present A'nand Táluka and the south of the present Nadiád. We can appropriately adopt the same course at revision, and we have indeed. done so in revising such of the Borsad villages as have been transferred to A'nand. A leading feature of the recent Nadiád and A'nand settlements is that the maximum rates for typical Charotar villages have been fixed at Rs. 5-12-0 for soil and Rs. 4-0-0 for water, and though these rates have been slightly reduced in special cases they have not been exceeded except for the lands. of the important city of Nadiád and the two villages, A'nand and Gamri, which lie on either side of the Railway Station of A'nand where the Bombay and Baroda Railway is joined by the branch line to Petlád on the south and by another important branch to Godhra and Ratlam on the north. These rates may be regarded as having been accepted by all responsible officers as suitable" standard " maximum rates for the Charotar. They should not be exceeded in Borsad except for speciar and clear reasons; and on the other hand they need not be reduced except for such reasons. If we place the Charotar of Borsad on the same footing as the Charotar of Nadiád and that of A'nand, we shall at least have attained equality of rating, and shall have perhaps as much cause for confidence in our rating as is ordinarily permissible to officers engaged in the difficult task of preparing ar rent roll.
4. It seems to follow, therefore, that the rate of Rs, 6-8-0 for soil proposed by Mr. E. Maconochie for his first group of seven villages must be reduced to the standard rate of Rs. 5-12-0 proposed for his second group, unless special and clear reasons for the higher rate can be found. I know the country and I can find no such reasons. There is indeed the fact that one village, Borsad, is the head-quarters of a Mámlatdár : but it is six miles from. a railway station and cannot be fairly considered to be on a footing with the exceptional places Nadiad, A'nand, and Gamri, to which alone a higher rate than Rs. 5-12-0 has been applied hitherto. The remaining six villages in the group, apart from the fact that they are reasonably close to Petlad station, an advantage, however, which they share with numerous other villages, have no special characteristics except fertility. But the element of fertility is allowed for in the classification process, and it will be observed that, as the result of classification, in five of the six villages the average dry-crop rate is worked out as being in excess of the so-called "maximum" rate. It is not fair to tax fertility twice over, viz., once in classification and a second time in grouping. - On the whole, I am decidedly of opinion that the "standard" rate of Rs. 5-12-0 should suffice for all the villages placed by Mr. Maconochie in his first group. The application of this rate will possibly result in a slight decrease of the present revenue in a few cases: but this may be taken to be a proof of the extremely heavy rating under the existing settlement, a rating due, I think, to unsound grouping; and as I have on previous occasions pointed out, we should not hesitate at revision to correct unduly high rating when it is discovered.
5. These seven villages should, I submit, be transferred to the second group. This will involve a reduction of the water-rate also from Rs. 4-8-0 to 4-0.0; but if the arguments in my Nadiád and A'nand reviews are correct, it follows that. We should not have a higher water-rate than Rs. 4-0-0 in any of these villages. The principle adoptyed for Nadiád and A'nand must be applied to Borsad also.
6. As regards the third group, I observe that the increases in Jantral, Banejda, Amiad, Kanbha and Divel, which form a cluster, are 49, 43, 59, 37.6 and 31.8 per cent., all very large increases indeed when compared with the increase ( 13.8 ) proposed for the whole táluka, and when the very slight justifications for increases of revenue at the present settlement are borne in mind. I think it would be reasonable to assign them a maximum rate of Rs. 5-0-0 in lieu of Rs. 5-4-0. I would not disturb the lowest group rated at Rs. 4-4-0 for, though

I admit that Mr. Fernandez's arguments regarding Khatnal and Vatra are technically sound, I think he can scarcely have remarked that, as the average dry crop rate of these villages is almost as high as the maximum rate, the proposed increase of the latter by 25 per cent. would involve a similar increase in the average, and hence the total percentage increment in each village would be extremely heavy. Very heavy increases in individual villages should, I think, be avoided if possible in a talluka like Borsad.
7. "The modifications proposed by me as regards 12 villages out of the 72 - will effect some decrease in the total increment, which even under Mr. Maconochie's proposals is only 13.8 per cent., a much smaller percentage increment than Government ordinarily expect to receive at a revision settlement. But even the smaller increase suggested by me must be proposed with diffidence. I need not repeat here the long arguments regarding price history given in my recent review of the Anand report ; but it will suffice to refer you to that review and to add that my arguments apply equally to the case of the Borsad Taluka. The mprovements in communications, except.as regards the villages affected by the Petlad Branch Railway, have not been very marked during the term of the existing settlement. Apart from price history, from improvements in communications and from the necessity for correcting the original grouping where it was more than usually of the nature of patch-work, I see no very clear justifications for increase of revenue. We must be content with the increase, small though it is, obtained by applying to the majority of villages ( 54 out of 72 ) the standard rates that have been considered suitable for the Charotar of Nadiád and Anand, and slightly lower rates to villages which, owing to distance-from markets or other disadvantages, deserve more leniont treatment.
8. 'Mr. Maconochie again raises the "manure" question which has already been raised by Mr. Fernandez. I may refer you to my remarks towards the end of my review of the lafter officer's report on Nadiad and add that, in my opinion, Mr. Maconochie, like Mr. Fernandez, has perhaps formed an exaggerated opinion of the changes made in recent years. . In small villages in Borsad, as in other tálukas, private dang-hills are still to be found piled up in places where they have always been on the outskirts of the village site, and cause for the interference of district officers is chiefly found when the drainage from the dung-hills is discovered to be contaminating the village wells or the large ponds which too often still supply the only drinking water available for low castes. In towns and large villages it has been more difficult to reconcile sanitation with the desire of cultivators to live in the midst of manure heaps in crowded alleys and yards; but I think the result has been fairly satisfactory on the whole, and that probably the adrocate of sanitation has more ground for complaint than those who oppose him in the guise of adrocates of agriculture.
9. The drainage question referred to by Mr. Maconochie in paragraph 11 of his report is far more important to the farmer than the dung-hill question, and, if Government could supply funds, inuch loss could be prevented in years of abnormal rainfall. A general sketch of the drainage question is given in the Kaira Gazetteer, pages 5-10. We already have some drains, but we want more and we want the existing drains cleared. The matter is however one of very great difficulty, for one. result of clearing or making a drain in a particular village is to flood the next village and damage its lands: and damage cannot be avoided unless work is done in numerous villages, both in British and Native territory, at the same time. Working on a sufficiently extensive scale to do good and avoid harm is a costly undertaking, and some 25 years ago it was held that the good done by drainage channels was probably not equal to the cost of cutting them. It may be borne in mind that complaints of floods are usually confined to years of abnormal rainfall.
-10. I need not again deal with the Kunbi marriage question which I discussed at some length in my review of the A'nand report. As regards the moneylenders' question I will merely remark that there is every reason to believe that in the Kaira District money is lent at a very low rate of interest when the security is good. And finally as regards the assessment of lands appropriated for building purposes, I may say that I think the Survey Department, whose aptitude for gauging the relative fertility of soils is undoubted, can less suitably
deal with building sites than the Collector, and though an alteration of the law may possibly be necessary in order to empower the Collector to deal appropriately with the matter, this is a subject too complicated to be discussed with advantage in a stray paragraph of a survey settlementreport or review.

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient Servant,
> J. DeC. ATKINS,

> Collector of Kaira.

Through the Survey and Settlement Commissioner, Poona.

No. S-902 of 1895.

From
E. C. ozANNE, Esquire,

Survey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agriculture ;

## To

The CHIEF SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, Revenue Department.

Poona, 4th April 1895.

## Sir,

I have the honour to hand up the proposals for a revision of rates in the Borsad taluka, drawn up by Mr. Evan Maconochie of the Indian Civil Service, placed on special duty as Survey Settlement Officer to expedite the submission of the overdue settlements of Kaira. Mr. Maconochie's first settlement report is very creditable. He has visited all parts and nearly every village of the táluka.
2. I may invite notice to column 16 of Appendix $Q$, which is blank. The reason is that given in paragraph 74 of Major Prescott's original report reproduced in Appendix R. The "bágáyat kasar", or charge for use of well water, was for the first time in this taluka distributed over the survey numbers which used the water by right. Column 14 then includes the soil as well as the water assessment on such numbers. Column 11 also includes such charge on accoun't of.well water as was adjudged to be leviable as "well himáyat", or "assistance" on rice land. Mr. Maconochie in Appendix $Q^{2}$ has shown the water charge in each village, separately from the soil assessment. As at revision all direct well assessments have been taken off, dry crop and garden have been shown together in column 23. It is essential to notice this fact, as the Collector does not understand the higher incidence of the proposed as compared with present assessments, in the case of dry crop, where the higher incidence is not the result of an enhanced maximum rate. The comparison should be instituted by taking the old incidence of garden and dry crop together, and that of dry crop alone at revision rates. It must then be borne in mind that the latter includes the charge on account of subsoil water ad vantage.
3. Mr. Maconochie was perfectly right to study the effect of the abolition of direct well assessments and the introduction of the subsoil water rules. The tract was a forward one at the original survey and water advantages were largely utilized. The "kasar" amounted therefore to Rs. 19,550. The total value of the subsoil water advantage is less by Rs. 2,500. It is not correct however to say that the better lands have been relieved at the expense of the inferior lands. It cannot be doubted that much of the land not assessed to the "kasar" was just as good as that which was assessed. This was certainly so in the case of land to which the kasar was not adjudged merely because the recupant had no
right to the well assessed. The better lands, which were provided with wells, have certainly been largely benefitted, but Mr. Maconochie's own action in rating the tíluka at the pitch decided by former settlements of the Charotar country wholly prevents any charge that the loss of direct well assessments is to be recouped in any but the legitimate method of applying the subsoil water rules where applicable. No doubt the Patidárs are the cultivators who have improved their land, by digging wells and those others, Dharalas, \&c., who have not done so, will be at a disadrantage till they follow suit. On the other hand the Patidars generally own the lands nearest the village and the most fertile fields everywhere. In so far as the Dharalas have been pushed to the distant fields they will share in the advantage under which the assessment fixed strictly under the maximum rate is by standing practice lowered for every half mile under the distance-from-village scale.
5. The net enhancement entailed by the adoption of Mr. Macoinochie's rating, including the valuation of the subsoil water advantage, and excluding the abandoned well charges, is only 13 per cent. This appears small, but the real reason is that the present rating of Borsad is high. If the Collector's modifications in the rating and grouping are accepted the increase will be reduced. In making his estimate for Appendix $Q$ Mr. Maconochie has fallen into a slight error. He has correctly shown the valuation of the subsoil water increment in Appendix $Q^{2}$, but in the column for "Old rice" in $\Delta$ ppendix $Q$ he has inadvertently doubled the valuation. I have corrected the mistake and altered Mr. Atkins' figures as far as he was misled by it.
6. Mr. Atkins proposes to amalgamate groups 1 and 2 at the rating of the lower group I concur as regards the villages near Petlad. Three of these villages were rated above their neighbours by Major Prescott on the ground that they had good markets for grain and tobacco ; but as the Collector shows, and - as Mr. Fernandez agrees, these advantages were equally shared by several other villages, placed in the 2nd group. Mr. Maconochie had two courses only open to him :- to put the other villages into the 1st group, or to lower the rating of all to that of the 2nd group. He chose the former alternative, on the sound ground that the old grouping should not be unnecessarily altered, and because owing to the construction of the Petlad branch railway the villages under consideration have even better markets than before. Major Prescott's basis however was faulty, and I concur that as far as the villages near Petlad are concerned, groups 1 and 2 should be amalgamated. Borsad. itself is under different con-. ditions. Its market has not improved. Major Prescott seems to have overestimated Borsad as a market town. The Collector says that its sole advantage over its neighbours is that it is the taluka head-quarters. I would then abolish the unevenness in rating by making Borsad no exception, and by rating all the villages of the proposed first group atthe maximum of the 2nd.
7. I do not like the other modification suggested by the Collector, the reduction of the rate of the 3rd group, because in some villares the increases are high. The increases are due to two causes, viz,, the large extension of rice land and the extensive facilities for irrigation, not made use of at the date of the original classification. Except in one of the 5 villages of large increases, the area of new rice is greater than that of old rice, and in 3 villages it is many multiples of the old: It cannot be said that an undue assessment has been put on new rice. Again the subsoil water advantage. more than triples the old "kasar" in these villages. It canniot again be said that there is anything to indicate that the classiication for subsoil water has been recklessly or unevenly done in this táluka. Lastly the position of the villages of group 3 is very little, if anything, inferior to those of group 2 adjacent. There might be much said against the inclusion, in that group, of villages rated at Rs. 5 by Major Prescott. I refer to the villages Danteli, Vardala; Virsad, Khanpur, Saijpur, Ras, Vadeli, Golel and Vanchiel. The map shows that these except Golel are separated fromp the villages of Group 2 by a strip of Géekwári têrritory. Mr. Maconochie has explained well what such separation means. But the increases in these villages are very low even though they are included in group 2, and thus hare not attracted attention. The low increases are due to the small charge for subsoil water advantage as compared with the heaviv bagáyat kasar, and to the small
increase in the rice area. They thus form a curious contrast with the five village above referred to. The explanation seems to be that these five were backward villages, which have made great progress during the settlement.

The reduction suggested would also unnecessarily lower the assessment on the cluster of villages of group 3 in the south-east corner, which were rated at Rs. 5 at original survey. In these the increases are small, and the proposed rating certainly not too high. On the whole then I am inclined to confirm the grouping and rating of the 3rd group.
8. The Collector does not approve of the modification in group 4 proposed by Mr. Fernandez, and as the Mátar villages to which he alludes were rated at ris. $4-8-0$ at revision, I do not think Khatnal and Vatra could now be rated at Rs. 5-4-0. This is a stronger reason against the suggestion than that offered by the Collector. It is desirable to avoid hoavy increases, but they must be met otherwise than by tampering with the right grouping. In Borsad the theavy inereases are due to the former backwardness of some villages. There is evidence that the leniency then shown has had an excellent result, and the time has arrived when it would be unfair on other villages to continue the policy of leniency. The rules wisely provided to tone down enhancements by gradual levy act well in such cases as are disclosed by the Borsad proposals.

Lastly it is to be remembered that the increase falls on improved land (e. g. new rice) or improveable land (e.g. that assessed for subsoil water advantage), and will, with the gradual levy, cause no hardship or acute disturbance.
9. It remains to show the effect of the amalgamation of groups 1 and 2 This may be seen from the following table, giving columns $1,2,20$ and 21 , and columns 23 to 28, and 32 to 35 of Appendix Q. :-


The net result is a decrease on the old assessment of Rs. (654) or (1.8) per cent. There is a decrease of Rs; (894) due to the substitution of the subsoil water assessment for the bágáyat kasar,. and besides this a reduction in the maximum rates for soil in 4 , and for water in all, of the villages. The reduc. which was left unestimated the extra charge on new rice for natural facility, be accepted.
10. There is no need for further comment on the report. The point raised in paragraph 54 is not a point for disposal in the settlement report. I have
ascertained that the cases referred to are not wholly if at all cases of appropriation of land to non-agricultural purposes before 1865. Nor do the cases refer to the appropriation of lands to such purposes as the erection of ginning factories establishing hamlets, and permission village sites, the grant of waste land for required, are all questions within the to erect homesteads, where sanction is at all

I have'the honour to be, Sir, Your most obedient Servant, E. C. OZANNE, Survey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agriculture.<br>Throdah the Commissioner, N. D.

No. 1407 of 1895 ,

> • Revenue Department.
> Camp Bhät, 15th April 1895.

## Forwarded.

2. This report follows close on those for other tálukas of Kaira in which the conditions are very similar, and as all the important points have been so recently discussed, there is hardly anything to add.
3. The population is one of extraordinary density, and the revenue history in Appendix 0 shows that almost all assessed arable land is now. occupied. At the commencement of the last settlement in 1861-62, 2,793 acres were still . unoccupied; of this all but 159 acres.were taken up in 1892-93.
4. As elsewhere the figures show a certain shifting of land from one class to the other; but it is to be remembered that in many cases the money-lenders are themselves Kunbis and that in these cases the land falls into the hands of the most hard-working and enterprizing cultivators. The rate of interest is also low, showing a considerable competition of capital. As in the rest of the Kaira Charotar the system of the Kulin villages leads to useless expenditure among the Kunbis.
5. There has not been a very marked rise of prices, but the increase in - new rice, the 78 per cent. increase in wells and the amount of fresh land brought under tobacco, with the facilities for the export of this crop vid A'rand and Rutlam to Central India, are all signs of increasing prosperity. See also the table at paragraph 19 of the settlement report (though it is difficult to believe that there is not some mistake in the íncrease in population shọn there).
6. The general increase in the proposed assessment is a very low one; but it must be remembered that even so long ago as 1867 the Collector (para. 4 of No. 75 of 19 th January) wrote of the assessment as higher than any other in the zilla. The distribution of the "bágáyat kasar" was already based on very rational principles.
7. The grouping calls for but little remark, and the Commissioner agrees with 'Mr. Ozanne that no modification is required in Mr. Maconochie's lower groups.

Mr. Atkins has given good reasons for adhering to the Rs. 5-12 as a general maximum standard for dry cropin the Charotar, and there is no village in Borsad which enjoys the special adrantages of the towns of Nadiad and

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A'nand. It is true that the amalgamation of the first seven villages. with Group Annand. It is true that decrease on their present total assessment, but this is not important. The groups will then be :-

8. A good deal has been written about the manure question; but. there is no reason to apprehend any unreasonable exhibition of sanitary zeal on; the part of District officers. Neither does the question of appropriation of agricultural land to other than agricultural purposes appear to call for special notice in Borsad.
9. The question of fioods and drainage is a more serious one, but it concorns a much wider area than Borsad, and can only be dealt with by a scheme that would embrace A'nand and Cambay and the Gadakwar's Petlad táluka. It is also doubtful whether in years of ordinary rainfall much damage done in this táluka.
G. B. REID, Commissioner, N. D.

Revenue Survey and Assessment: Revision Settlement of the Borsad Táluka of the Kaira District.

No. 3951.

## Revenue Department-

Bombay Castle, 27th May 1895.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 1407, dated 15th April 1895-Submitting ${ }_{2}$ with his remarks, the papers "noted in the margin,

Letter from Mr. E. Maconochie, I. C.S., Survey and Settlement Officer, No. 16, dated 19th January 1895, with accompaniments. Memorandum from the Deputy Superintendent $\mathrm{r}_{r}$ Revenue Susvey, Gajarst, Nor 213, dated 21 st February 1895.
Letter from the Collector of Kaira, No. 889, dated 2lst March 1895. Letter from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, No. 8. -902, dated 5th April 1895. containing proposals relating to the introduction of a revision survey settlement into the Borsad Táluka of the Kaira District.
Resolution.-The papers contain proposals for the revision settlement of the Borsad Taluka of Kaira. The number of Government villages at present contained in the taluka is 72 , of which 70 were settled in 1867-68, and 2 which were originally inami villages but which lapsed to Government, in 1876-77; the period of settlement originally guaranteed expired in 1891-92. Revision measurement and classification operations were conducted in the same manner as . in tálukas already brought under revision settlement and call for no remark.
2. From the account given by the Survey and Settlement Officer it is evident that the circumstances of the taluka do not justify an enhancement of the assessment to quite the same extent as in the adjoining tálukas of Nadiad and A'nand, which have recently been brought under revision settlement. An extremely fertile tract of country, with resources which were in a somewhat more advanced stage of development than in the rest of the district, Borsad .was the last of the Kaira tálukas to be brought under the survey settlement; and the result was the imposition of an assessment which was even then regarded .as high and which cannot ngw be increased without great care and circumspection. In the important matter of communications it is clear that the position of the taluka has not been improved to the same extent as that of other parts of the district; for, though the western villages have gained by the con-
struction of the A'nand-Petlad line and of the Cambay-Petlad road, the taluka has not the advantage, which Nadiád and $\Delta^{\prime}$ 'nand possess in such a marked degrees; of a railway running through its midst, nor does it contain many large market towns at which the cultivators can dispose of their superfluous produce. At the same time proofs are not wanting that the progress of the taluka during the currency of the expiring lease has been considerable. The revenue has been collected with ease and regularity; atd the cultivated area, more especially that of superior crops, such as rice and tobacco, has expanded considerably. Statistics for population and agricultural wealth show a marked increase under every head; but the rise under population and catile contrasts- so markedly with the decline noticed in Nadiad and Anand that, as the Commissioner remarks, it is almost impossible to believe that the figures given are correct. The value of land is high, and prices of produce have risen from 10 to I5 per cent. On the whole the present proposals which, as finally submitted, will involve a percentage increase in the assessment of some 10 or 11 per cent., appear to be moderate, and His Excellency the Governor in Council sees no reason to suppose that in the present condition of the taluka they are not justified.
3. At the original settlement the taluka was divided into 6 groups ; but the Settlement Officer in view of the general similarity of conditions prevailing throughout the táluka proposes to reduce this number to 4 . In his first group he places the original group I, together with Israma, Rangaipura and Bhavanipura, three villages which are in the immediate neighbourhood of Petlíd and have been benefited considerably by the construction of the new railway from A'nand. His second group, which contains nearly two-thirds of the whole táluka, comprises old groups II and III and those villages of the fourth lying in the west of the tálulza, which, as regards communications, enjoy practisally equal advantages. His third and fourth groups are the original fifth and isth groups with the addition, in the former case, of the eastern villages of the fourth, which from proximity to the Máhi river or from distance from táluka head-quarters are at a disadvantage as compared with the villages in the new second group. The rates proposed are shown in the following table and compared with those in force under the original settlement:-

4. These proposals are accepted in the main by the various officers to whom the proposals have been referred for opinion, the only modifications suggested being the following:-
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$\mathrm{Bs}, 5-12$ and a water rate of group I and group II with a soil rate of Bs, 5-12 and a water rate of Rs. 4-0.

- (ii) Creation of a new group interJantral. Kanbla. mediate between groups III and IV for Banejda. Divel. the five villages marginally noted .with a Amiad. soil rate of Rs. 5-0.


## 72. <br> (iii) Transfer of Khatnal and Vatra from group IV to group III.

The first of these suggestions emanate from the Collector, who urges in support of it that a rate of Rs. $5-12$ has been accepted as the standard maximum for all villages of the charotar country, expept where, as in the case of the towns of Nadiád and A'nand, there are special creumstances to justify a higher assessment; and that as none of the villages In the first group can, as regards advantages, be placed on a par with Nédiad and A'nand, the adoption in their case of so high a rate as Rs. 6-8 is not defensible. In this view he is supported by, the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture and the Commissioner, N. D., who agree in considering the original grouping fatily and in recommending that the new groups I and II should be amalgamated. His Excellency the Governor in Council is accordingly pleased to direct that this course should be followed,

Modification (ii) is also the result of a suggestion 'by the Collector whose object in making it is to reduce the very high percentage enhancement noticeable in the five villages, As the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, however, points, out the large increase itil the assessment is due gartly to the leniency with which the villages were treated at the original survey and partly to the very farge increase in the area of rice land and to the imposition of the syb-soil water assessment, and there is no reason for supposing that the present assessment is in any way disproportionate to the advantages which thiese villages possess. . He is consequently of opinion that the Collector's suggestion: should be rnegatived, and His Excellency the Governor in Council concurs in this view.

Madification (iii) is proposed by the Deputy Superintendent, who considers that on the analogy of the Deotaj group of villages in the Mátar Táluka the rate for Khatnal and Vatra should be raised to Rs. 5-4 on account of the facilities for the export of produce which their proximity to the port of Cambay confers upon them. His Excellency the Governor in Council does not, however, consider that the possession of this advantage is sufficient to justify an increase of Re. 1 in the soil rate, resulting, as it does, in percentage enhancements of $64 \cdot 6$ and $41 \cdot 7$ for these villages, and is therefore pleased to direct that they should be lefkin group IV.
5. The result of the proposals, as amended by the above ordersp will be as follows:-

6. The small percentage enhancement of $11 \cdot 2$ is, as compared with those sanctioned for A'nand and Nadiád, extremely moderate, and in the preseñt state of the táluka fully justified. His Excellency the Governor in Council is therefore pleased to direct that the rates proposed should be introduced and, subject to such modification as may be necessitated by any petitions of objection receeived hereafter, guaranteed for a period of thirty years. The concessions as regards
trees should be continued, blackwood, teak and sandalwood only being reserved.
7. In the circumstances mentioned by the Collector, the Survey Courmissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, and the Commissioner, N. D., no orders are-needed on the mattèrs" dealt with in paragraphs 15 and 54 of Mr. Maconochie's report. Extract piragraph 1,1 should be forwarded to the Public Works Department for such action thereon as may be found advisable.
G. S. CURTIS

Under Secretary to Government
The Commisşioner, N. D.
The Collector of Kaira,
The Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture,
The Accountant General,
The Pablic Works Departnqent of the Secretariat (with extract ${ }^{7}$ paragraph 1 静 of M. Mannmnhin's report, tog̉ether with ẹ̉tract 36 of Major Prescott's report.) $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Indịa, } \\ \text { te for India. }\end{array}\right\}$ By lettér.

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From

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To
The COLLECTOR of KAIRA.
Camp Samroli, Táluka Chikhli, 3rd April 1895.

## STr,

I have the honour to submit, for the sanction of Government, my proposals for the revision settlement of táluka Kapadvanj of your Collectorate.
2. The táluka, as now composed, was constituted in 1867, when 6 villages of táluka Thásra, and 5 of the late Mahudha Táluka, were amalgamated with it. It was settled in 1862-63; and, in accordance with the opinion then prevailing, that the settlement of the whole district should terminate on one common date, a lease of only 29 years was granted to it. This period expired in 1891-92. The settlement in Thásra was also effected in the same year; and necessarily the lease of the 6 villages was also a 29 -year one. On the other hand, the 5 Mahudha villages had the full period of 30 years guaranteed to them, in consequence of the táluka having come under the survey rates a year earlier, in 1861-62. All these settlements were effected by the late Colonel C. J. Prescott.
3. As will have been seen, the number of Government villages to be now dealt with is 11 more than at the original settlement. The taluka is now composed as follows :-

4. The revision measurement was done on the partial system before the orders were issued making the breaking up of jirayat survey numbers containing subordinate holdings optional with the holders thereof. The original measurements were good, and were consequently confirmed.
5. The revision classification was also done on the partial system. Owing to the destruction of the original survey records, the classification of rice lands was done anew. Several of the villages contain rice lands, which possess inherent moisture for a good second crop of wheat, or gram, according to the year. This quality was entirely overlooked at the last settlement, but it has now been allowed for.
6. The subjoined statement shows the increase in the number of fields caused by the revision survey; as also the percentage difference in area between the original and the new survey numbers:-

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7. In the following statement the areas of the original and revision Surveys are compared:-

8. The above data are here given in a more amplified form :-

| Nature of Land. | By Orignal Survex. |  |  |  | By Revision Survey. |  |  |  | Remarks. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Government. |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \text { Alienat- } \\ \text { ed. } \end{array}$ | Total. | Government. |  | $\begin{gathered} \Delta \text { lienat- } \\ \text { ed. } \end{gathered}$ | Total. |  |
|  | Occu. pied. | Unoccupied. |  |  | Occupied. | Unocenpied. |  |  |  |
|  | Acres. | Acres. | Acres, | Acres. | Acres, | Acres. | Acres. | Acres, | - |
| Dry-corp .. | 72,976 | 23,361 | 36,210 | 132,547 | 65,694 | 23,064 | 34,690 | 123,448 |  |
| Rice ... ... ... | 5,959 | 70 | 3,616 | 9,645 | $\left\{\begin{array}{l}8,851 \\ 5,731\end{array}\right.$ | 115 | $\mathbf{3 , 4 1 0}$ $\mathbf{3 , 6 0 9}$ | 12,261 $\mathbf{9 , 4 5 5}$ | New rice. Old rice. |
| Garden ... ... ... | 1,637 | 9 | 1,925 | 3,569 | -*- | -.. | ... | ... |  |
| Uncuitarable . | ... | 25,524 | 615 | 26,139 | -*. | 26,088 | 615 | 26,703 |  |
| Total .. | 80,572 | 48,964 | 42,364 | 171,900 | 80,276 | 49,267 | 42,324 | 171,867 |  |

9. Owing to the renunciation of well and dhekudiat assessments, and the total absence of bhátha, there is no land to be assessed as garden now in the taluka. The Government area converted into rice during the lease is 8,851 acres ; and the area of alienation so treated is 3,410 acres, making a total of new rice of 12,261 acres. Even with the decline that there is of 190 acres in the area of old rice, this progress is highly satisfactory.
10. The táluka of Kapadranj is situated between the north latitudes of $22^{\circ} 52^{\prime}$ and $23^{\circ} 7^{\prime}$, and east longitudes of $72^{\circ} 52^{\prime}$ and $73^{\circ} 21^{\prime}$. It is bounded on the north by Baroda territory; on the "th by tálukas Mehmadabad, Nadiád and Thásra ; on the east by Baroda and the táluka Mehmadabad and Baroda.
11. Its area, inclusive of the inám villages, is 279 square miles, with a population of 101,772 , which gives a pressure of nearly 365 persons to the square mile. This density is very nearly the same as that of Mátar, but very considerrespectively 755, 686 of talukas Nadiád, A'nand and Mehmadabad, which is peculiar social customs of the $\dot{K}$ I will not say anything here regarding the and check its prosperity, except that what I have which both retard its growth on the same subject also fully applies to this taluka.
12. There are only two rivers in the thlua. and the Mohar. The banks of the for any note, viz., the Watrak while the water of the latter bears toomer are too high for purposes of irrigation, Between the Mohar and the eastern boundary of the táluka, that is, a distance of more than half the length of the táluka, there are three or four insignificant streamlets, so that most of the drainage of this vast area and that of the country on the north travels along the surface-a fact which has a most important bearing on the fortunes of the greater part of the táluka, as will soon become evident.
13. Except for some undulations in the north, the taluka is a very flat country with an inclination southward. Its climate throughout is the same; though the physical characteristics of the western half are essentially different from those of the eastern half, so much so that, while in the one cultivation (except rice) is always precarious, in the other, when the year is good, it is always successful. This serious difference is due to two physical causes, (1) an impervious substratum a few feet from the surface, and (2) the existence of salt in more or less damaging quantities.
14. Although these facts were recognized by the late Colonel (then Captain) Prescott, yet it is evident from the manner in which the soils of the two halves of the taluka were classified that they were not fully appreciated. In the western, or superior half, nearly the whole of the soil is sweet goradu, with sandy or gravelly sub-soil; while the prevailing soil in the eastern, or inferior half, is black, or brown, more or less impregnated with salt, and having an impervious substratum beyond the depth ( $1 \frac{3}{4}$ cubits) recognized by our classification rules. Now, it is clear from the above that, to class the soils of the two divisions in correct relation to one another, those of the former having no physical defects, excepting those trifling ones allowed for by the classing rules, should be treated as in the ordinary manner; while those of the latter, heavily handicapped as they are by Nature, should be placed, on the classing scale, on a level which is justified only after full allowance has been made for the local natural defects. For it should be stated for the benefit of the uninitiated that impervious substratum is not among the recognized faults, the existence of which, in classing, reduces the class of the soil to its correct level. Now, how were these soils actually classed for the original survey settlement? The black or brown soil, known technically as mal, was, as under ordinary circumstances, placed at 16 annas, and the sweet gorádu at 15 annas ; that is their relative positions were reversed. The inference, then, is inevitable that the classification, made with this false appreciation of the natural conditions, must be wrong. I will illustrate my meaning by an example. A field with sweet goradu soil has two faults of sand. According to the scale for Kapadvanj, the best goradu is 2nd class, or 15 annas; the two faults would, therefore, make the soil of the field 4th class, or 8 annas. Another field has mal soil, and there are two faults of salt in it. According to the same scale the best mál soil is 1st class, or 16 annas. With two faults of salt, the classification of the field would be 3rd class, or 12 annas. Now, in this classification, the plysical defect, which makes the cultivation of mál land so risky, is not taken into the slightest account ; therefore, the result, which shows that the mal soil with two faults of salt is 4 annas better than the sweet gorádu soil with two faults of sand, is, on the face of it, absurd. To support the conclusion by an actual fact, I will state that, during the currency of the survey lease, the area of unoccupied waste in the mál villages has retrograded from 13,973 to 21,288 acres. If this is the result of the pressure of the present rates, increased pressure will, it cannot be doubted, cause a further increase in the area of unoccupied lands in the eastern half. And yet, there are justifications in favour of increased pressure almost as strong as those that existed in any of the ten tálukas I have reported on.
15. Being strongly convinced as to the essential inaccuracy of the present soil classification of the táluka, and feeling doubtful if the recommendation for a thorough overhauling of it would be sanctioned, I proposed to the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, some months ago, a compromise to the effect that, as there were grounds for believing that the relative fertility of the sweet gorádu and mál soils was as 1 to $\frac{1}{2}$; assuming that the soils were correctly classed according to the scale based on false-proportions, the classification of the mal numbers should be halved for revision settlement purposes, or, at least, reduced by two classes. The Survey Commissioner has, however, all through the lengthy correspondence that has taken place on the subject, expressed himself opposed to any change in the classification. But he has generously given me permission to make a full statement of my case in this report, in order that Government may bave the opportunity to express its decision on the subject.
16. That the mál soil has the great physical defect of having an impervious substratum, the following opinions of several of the officers, who have examined it, will prove. Captain Prescott in paragraph 8 of his report No. 561, dated 5th December-1863, on the late Mahudha Táluka says :--"I have taken some pains to ascertain why the soil is regarded as cold and unfruitful, as it seems to possess most of the ordinary elements of fertility; and have come to the conclusion that want of proper under-draining is the real cause. During the monsoon the water lies on the land, and gradually depresses the surface into large holes, making it not only difficult to break up with a plough, but, by drawing all the moisture to those particular spots, the remainder hardens like burnt clay and becomes sterile." The Honourable Mr. T. Little, C. I. E., Secretary to Government, wrote, in 1868, as follows: "The true cause of the land lying, waste can, I think, be traced to the impervious nature of the soil and sub-soil which allow rain-water to stagnate on, and near, the surface, rendering the top soil soft and marshy until the drying takes place, when it quickly becomes too hard and dry for the plough." Lieutenant Baldwin, Executive Engineer of Kaira in 1866-67, regarding the piece of mál land in Chandrásar of Thásra, which he had been ordered to under-drain, said, speaking of it:-_" It is proposed to drain this land which in spite of its surface slope becomes in the rain a morass." This slope he had previously stated to be 40 feet in the mile. Sardár Ráo Bahádur Behchardás Viháridás, who owns a mál village of Thásra, says that the village has 3,000 acres of cultivable land, but only 200 acres are under tillage. The only reason given for this state of affairs is that rain always saturates the soil; if the fall is slight, the drying up is so sudden that the soil cakes up and becomes too hard for the plough to break up; but if heary, it remains water-logged beyond the proper time for sowing. This of course points to the existence of an impervious substratum.
17. Now this substratum, the existence of which I hope I have proved beyond a doubt, although playing such an important part in counteracting the elements of fertility which mál soil possesses, was, as I have shown, wholly ignored. This grave error having been made, the question now is, how can it be best corrected? I have shown that the best mall soil was on the classification scale rated at 16 annas. I would propose that it be rated at 8 annas on the scale, or 4ith class, which, I think, would make sufficient allowance for the great physical defect noted. In classing, the recognised faults, if any, will of course cause the valuation to be reduced below 4th class, or 8 annas. This is the soundest way to remedy the mistakes of judgment made by my predecessors. Re-doing the classification of the mal villages would, I estimate, take a classing establishment 4 months, and cost about Rs. 2,000. Unless this is done, or the compromise suggested by me in para. 15 above adopted, I do not see how grouping the Kapadvanj villages for assessment purpose is at all practicable; because the success of this step wholly rests on the correct relative classification of the villages to be subjected to one common maximum rate. If Government wish to have the work placed on a correct basis once for all, the only course, it seems to me , is to classify the mal soil anew,
18. That my proposal to class the best mál land at 8 annas on the soil scale is not an innovation, the following will show :-
(1) The joint report scale classes best black soil at 16 annas; best red at 14 annas; and best yellow at 6 annas;
(2) The best superior order soil of Gujarát is classed at 24 annas;
(3) The best tissali soil of the Deccan is classed at' 5 annas on the scale; and-
(4). The best kumri lands, also of the Deccan, are classed at 3 annas on
scale. the scale.
The above precedents will suffice to prove my point.
19. To.complete the chain of evidence in favour of my contention, I have only to show the incongruity of the results of the classification of the villages of the táluka as obtained by the application of what I may call the topsy-turvy scale. A reference to Appendix $Q^{3}$ shows that the average classification of two of the best villages, with soil of the ordinary sweet deseription, viz., that of Kathlăl and Pithai, is, respectively, 12 annas, and 11 annas and 11 pies; while the average classification of two of the most typical mal villages, viz. Lasundrá .and Ládvel, is respectively 9 annas, and 11 annas and 6 pies. Further, a cursory study of the appendix conveys the impression that the soil of Kapadvanj is not of a very uneven quality; but how remarkably this is opposed to the actual facts my preceding paragraphs will have made clear. This inaccurate classification is, it seems to me, the key to the difficulties experienced by Major Prescott in -grouping the villages and assigning maximum rates to them. From the accompainying map; showing the present grouping'and rates, it will be seen that the villages of the different groups are well intermixed, and that each group has three different maximum rates. After the light thrown on the subject, it seems to me that the reason assigned by Major Prescott in paragraph 7 of his report No..166, dated 23rd March 1864, for this great confusion, which makes the grouping in this case a misnomer, cannot be considered as sufficient. No doubt the difficulties pointed out by him were real; but there is also, I venture to state, no doubt that; but for the error of judgment poínted out, they would not have proved so insurmountable as they did.
20. Having, I hope, established the point I have long been contending for, I will now allude to the large tracts of assessed land which are now unocc upied. Their only use now seems to be to afford pasture not only to the local cattle, but also to the cattle of the highly congested parts of Kaira. Most of the officers capable of forming an opinion on the subject are agreed that they cannot be put to a better use. I fully concur in this. The information obtained from the taluka records regarding the sale of this land for grass shows that it seldom or never fetches much more than one-eighth of the survey assessment. Doubtless, if the sales were managed better, they would yield more; but the most sanguine expectation would not point to an average of more than half the assessment. If Government are of opinion that it is undesirable to further extend cultivation in the taluka, then the present classification will serve the purpose it has already so well done of preventing their being taken up. . In this case, the re-classification would be confined to the mál lands in occupation; and the revised estimate for the new work would be about Rs, 1,000 , taking.up about 2 months.
'21. I give below the rainfall statistics for 9 years. They are an abstract of Appendix $\cdot A$ :-


Rain was abundant in all the years except 1888 and 1891.
22. The extent to which the various kinds of crops were grown is shown in Appendix B. In the subjoined table I give, in a summary form, the proportion which the area covered by each kind of crop bears to the whole of the occupied area:-

23. The above analysis shows that bájri is the chief crop of the taluka. Next'in importance come such inferior grains as kodra, bávto and banti. These grains not only come very useful for purposes of rotation. with bájri, but they answer the needs of the poorer castes of the peasantry who largely preponderate. The pulses, tur and gram excepted, form the subordinate crops to bájri and kodra. Gram is grown as a second crop in rice fields having inherent moisture. Wheat is also similarly grown. The jowari is all of the Sundhia variety, raised for fodder only. Rice, as will be seen, occupies a large area, and every variety from kamod downwards is grown.
24. The market towns are Kapadvanj and Kathlál in the táluka itself; and Ahmedabad, Nadiád and Dákor outside it. In respect of exports, both the local markets are not of much consideration. Ahmedabad is resorted by the cultivators on the right bank of the Vátrak. From this it will be seen- that the bulk of the produce finds its way to Nadiád and Dákor, to which first class. roads give easy access.
$\checkmark$ 25. Before the current settlement was made, a nominal road, deep in sand, was the only one to be seen in the whole extent of the táluka. It connected Kapadvanj with Nadiád, a distance of 27 miles. Since then, a net-work of wellfinished metalled roads has been created, providing easy communication with. Nadiád and Dákor on one side, and Modása of Ahmedabad on the other. The road to the last mentioned town may not much help the traffic of Kapadvanj; but it gives encouragement to its enterprising Bora population to carry the produce of other parts of your district far into the interior of Márvad and Meyvád. $V$
26. There are ño fairs held in the táluka.
27. The D Appendix shows that 61.99 per cent. of the population have interest in land; and that field labourers, \&c., have a proportior of $5 \cdot 86$, making a total of 67.85 per cent., who live by agriculture. It will be interesting to note that the propartion for tálukas Nadiád and Mehmadabad is about the same, being respectively $65 \cdot 25$ and $67 \cdot 41$. In other respects, likewise, the resemblance is very close, the condition of all three being purely agricultural. .
28. The figures compared in the table below are taken partly from the Kaira Gazetteer and partly from Appendix $F$ to this report. The data for the year of the introduction of the survey rates are not obtainable.

| . | 1872-1876. | 1893. | Increase | Decrease. | Percentage. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population | 86,742 | 98,084 | 11,342 | .f. | +13爯 |
| Wells... | 1,042 | 1,318 | 276 | ... | +26 ${ }^{2}$ |
| Agricultural cattle | 20,570 | 21,608 | 1,038 | ... | $+5$ |
| Cows, buffaloes and their young. | 31,745 | 41,722 | 9,977 | ... | +311 |
| Horses and ponies ... | 380 | 569 | 189 |  | +493 |
| Sheep and goats ... | 7,319 | 6,681 |  | 638 | $-81$ |
| Ploughs | 9,442 | 11,134 | 1,692 | $\therefore$ | $+18$ |
| Carts ..: $\quad \therefore$. | 2,809 | 3,149 | 340 |  | $+12$ |

29. The population of the taluka has, in 21 years, increased by 11,342 or $13 \frac{3}{3}$ per cent. This is the largest increase noticeable in any of the Talukas of Kaira reported on; and doubtless one of the reasons is that its climate is less damp and consequently less malarious than that of any. For purposes of comparision, I give below the same datum for the four other tálukas:-

> Mátar (10 years)
> Mehmadabad(20 years)
> Nadiád (20 years)
> A'naid (21 years)
s Cent.

The serious social evil which the Kanbis of Nadiádand A'nand labour under, the existence of which I have shown in the revision settlement reports of those tálukas, is also to be found here among that class of the population, though on a more linited scale, owing to their comparatively small number. It exerts here the same baneful influence that it does elsewhere. In 1872 (vide the Gazetteer), the Kanbi population was 7,708, while in 1893 it was, as per Appendix E, only 6,787 , a decrease of. nearly 12 per cent. The Kolis; who live from hand to mouth, and who in this táluka are poorer than elsewhere, increased during that period nearly 5 per cent. But for the blemish pointed out by me in the social custom of the Kanbis, the natural deduction from data of the foregoing character would have been that, it may be taken as an axiom that, poverty stimulates the growth of population, while wealth hạs an opposite tendency!
30. The number of agricultural cattle shows an increase of $1 ; 038$ or' 5 per cent.
31. Milch cattle and their young have increased by 9,977 , or $31 \frac{1}{2}$ per cont, This increase represents a large addition of capital.
32. Horses and ponies show an increase of 189 , or $49 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent. In this respect Kapadvanj shows better than the other 4 talukas.
33. Sheep and goats have diminished by 638 , or $8 \frac{3}{4}$ per cent. This is contrary to all expectations ; for, as I have shown, the area of uncultivated land bas considerably increased during the currency of the lease.
34. Ploughs show an increase of 1,692 , or 18 per cent.
35. Oarts have increased by 340 , or 12 per cent,
36. Wells show a progress of 276 , or $26 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., which compares well with the other tálukas thus:-

| - |  | - |  |  | Per Cent. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Mátar | a. ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | . | ... |  | $+30$ |
| Mehmadabad | ... . | ... | -** |  | $\pm 33 \frac{1}{2}$ |
| Nadiad | . | ... | $\therefore$ : |  | + $27 \frac{8}{4}$ |
| A'nand | ... | . - | - ... | ... | $\pm 26 \frac{1}{2}$ |

37. Appendix $G$ furnishcs details of the industry practised in the táluka The record is a poor one. In the town itself there are glass and leather ghee jar factories. At the former, small bottles and bangles are made. The plass is of the most friable description, and the trade is in the hands of Musalmáns.
38. The same Appendix exhibits the life and death statistics for 5 years. The number of the births was 15,850 and of the deaths 14,750 . The increase to the population was, therefore, 1,100 .
39. In Appendix $H$ will be found the state of education ${ }^{\text {" }}$ of the táluka. The number of Government schools for boys is 14 and for girls 1 ; the average attendance heing respectively 708 and 65 . The number of municipal schools for boys is 4 , with an attendance of 389 , and,for girls 1, with an attendance of 88. There are also 10 boys' private schools attended by• 700 youngsters, and 2 girls' schools having an attendance of 141.
40. From Appendix I it appears that the taluka contains 29,818 Government and 13,063 Inám Surveq numbers. Of these, 45 and 22 per cent. respectively are cultivated by the occupants themselves; 1 per cent. and I per cent. in partnership with others; 4 per cent. and 5 per cent: by sub-tenants on money rent; and 2 and 2 per cent. by sub-tenants for payment in kind. . The assessed waste numbers' aggregate 6,249 , and the unassessed 1,246, The percentage of the former on the táluka, exclusive of the unassessed numbers, is 15 per cent., which shows that out of 41,635 assessed numbers. 6,249 are lying waste.
41. Appendix $J$ shows that the number of kacha and pakka tanks for irrigation is 68 ; while tanks for miscellaneous use number 486. The area of old rice is 5,731 acres, of which only 1,211 acres are, irrigated.
42. Appendix $K$ furnishes an abstract of 79 ordinary sales of land obtained from the Registration Department. In 4 of the cases the amoupt of the sale was $5 \cdot 43$ times the assessment ; in $47,26 \cdot 11$; in $23,69 \cdot 92$; and in $5,134 \cdot 70$ times.
43. Appendix $K^{1}$ gives information of one sale by court of law. The sale money was $12 \cdot 50$ times the Government assessment.
44. In Appendix L details of 17 cases of simple mortgage are given. Of these, 3 cases show the money to have been $3 \cdot 14$ times the Government assessment; 2 cases, $23 \cdot 13$ times ; 9 cases, $37 \cdot 53$ times; 2 cases, $78 \cdot 18$ times; and one case, $137 \cdot 66$ times.
45. From Appendix $L^{1}$ will be gleaned information of lands mortgaged with possession. In all 68 cases are furnished. In 3 cases the mortgage money exceeded the Government assessment 3.05 times; in 10 cases, $17 \cdot 40$ times; in 24 cases, 34.36 times; in 22 cases, 69.48 times; and in 9 cases, 164 times.
46. In Appendix $\mathbf{M}^{-}$details as to 21 cases of sub-letting are shown. In 17 cases the sub-letting value was 2.24 times the assessment; in oue case, 7.80 times; and in 3 cases, $12^{*} 50$ times.
47. Appendix $N$ furnishes prices of the staple grain produce of the taluka for (1) the last 5 years preceding the year of the survey settlement, and (2) the years of the settlement down to 1892-93. The latter period is divided into 3 parts. Their average prices per rupee, and those of the 5 years, are as follows:-


The great rise in the first decade is of course due to the American War. In the two bad years 1877-78 and 1878-79, the former being the great famine year, the prices, as will be observed, were almost as high as those of 1864-65. The rise in 30 years has been as follows :-

Per Cent.

|  |  |  |  |  | $27 \cdot 0$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| In bajur | ... | * | - | ... | 31.1 |
| In rice in husk | . | ... | . $\cdot$ | ... | $37 \cdot 7$ |
| In kodra | . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | ... | ... | .. |  |

48. At the introduction of the current settlement each adult male and
female and each child field labourer was paid per day as follows:-
Adult male-2 annas and 1 full meal consisting of 2 scones with some dál and vegetables.
Adult female-1 anna 6 pies and a full meal as above.
Child-1 anna and a full meal.
The present wages are altered in this respect only, that for adult male and female they are 6 pies higher.
49. The revenue history of the taluka is given in three separate statements (Appendix O), because Kapadvany, as shown in paragraph 3 above, is composed of villages of three different tálukas. I will criticise them in this order, (1) Kapadvanj, (2) Thásra, and (3) Mahudha.
50. Looking at the history of the original Kapadvanj villages it will be seen that it includes the account of 35 jears; the first Dividing the years immediately preceding the beginning of the current lease. Dividing the survey в 106-3
years into three decades, for purposes of comparison, I give below their averages, as well as the average of the 5 pre-survey years :-

| - |  | Government Occupred Acres. | Assessment. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Rs. |
| The 5 years | ... | 38,474 | 68,903 |
| 1 st decade | ... | 56,474 | 90,037 |
| 2nd $\quad$ | ... | 56,448 | 89,467 |
| 3rd $\quad$ | ... | 63,910 | 98,929 |

The above comparative figures show most .satisfactory progress. The - survey lease, as will appear from a reference to the statement, began with a sudden . rise in the occupied area of 24,598 acres, but of this 10,121 acres were owing to waste land having been included in forming numbers according to rule. But this extension was only short-lived, for in the followng year 1864-65 there was a fall of 16,934 acres. It should be noted that $1864-65$ was one of the years of the inflation of prices, for the American War did not end till 1865-66. From the fourth year, however, there was a steady rise for 5 years; then came years of decline till 1876-77. It was from 1877-78, the year of famine in Southern India, that the rise began, which, with but slight variations, continued till the end of the lease, at which the area under occupation was 66,018 acres, or 23,388 acres more than that of $1862-63$, the last year of the pre-survey period. The average remissions granted during the first survey decade amounted to Rs. 3,879, but of this, Rs. 3,802 were due to the rule of not collecting the increase caused by the new rates till the second year; that for the second decade amounted to Rs. 73 ; and that for the third and last decade, to Rs. 262. These sums are very trufling when compared with the revenue realizations.
51. In Thásra the survey rates were introduced in the same year as in Kapadvanj, viz. 1863-64. For purposes of studying the progress of the villages, therefore, the same design will be followed as was observed in respect of Kapadvanj. In the late Thásra villages also, the survey lease began with a sudden increase in the occupied area of 7,288 acres, or 207 per cent. over that of the preceding year. Of this sum a fair proportion must be due to the inclusion of waste land in survey numbers in order to make them of the regulation size. I subjoin the averages of the cultivated area, and of the revenue derived therefrom, for the same four periods, as in the case of the original Kapadvanj villages.


The above comparative figures also show very satisfactory progress. As will be seen from the statement, in the second year of the lease, there was a fall of nearly 50 per cent. in the occupied area: and although there was, thereafter, almost a steady advance in the area of cultivation, yet even in 1892-93 it had not overtaken the figure with which the lease began. The average remissions granted in the three decades were respectively Rs. 594, Re. 1 andRs. 15. The firstitem is comparatively large, in consequence of the necessity of overlooking the increase caused by the new rates in the first year.
52. The late Mahudha villages, now incorporated in Kapadvanj, were survey settled in 1862-63, or one year before the rest of the taluka; the first period of the lease, therefore, comprises 11 years instead of 10 . Like the other two
groups of villages already dealt with, this group also began the lease with a heavy increase in the occupied area. This increase was 2,566 acres, or nearly 66 per cent. of the occupied area of the previous year. It is presumed that a fairly large proportion or the was due to the inclusion of adjacent waste land in the survey numbers. The comparative data of cultivation and revenue are as follows:-

|  |  | Government <br> Occupied Acre. | Assessment. <br> Rs. |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| The 5 pre-survey years | $\ldots$. | 3,519 | 8,773 |
| The first 11 survey decade | $\ldots$. | 5,523 | 9,833 |
| The next 10 | do. | $\ldots$ | 5,224 |
| The last 10 | do. | $\ldots$ | 5,863 |

But for one of the 5 Mahudha villages, which contains a large area of mál land, some 600 acres of which has gone out of cultivation since the year of the settlement, these figures would have shown quite as satisfactory a rate of progress as those of the Kapadvanj and I'hásra groups of villages. There has practically been no remission granted. The amount of Rs. 1,502 against the year 1868-69 was, according to the Mámlatdár, remitted as under:-

| . |  |  |  |  | Rs. | a. | p. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| To Kathána | $\ldots$. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 677 | 5 | 0 |
| " Ládvel | $\ldots$. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 223 | 3 | 0 |
| "Laxmanpura | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 590 | 6 | 0 |  |

The reason assigned is failure of crops owing to untimely and insufficient rainfall; but from the Gazetteer, pages 11, 12, it would appear the correct cause was the great thunder-storm of August 1868. In Kathána a further remission of Rs. 11-12-9 was given owing to the poverty of the Khátedars.
53. The subjoined table shows the difficulty experienced in the collection of the revenue :-

|  | Year. |  | Number of <br> villages. | Number of <br> notices. | Number of <br> distrannt cases. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1890.91 | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 67 | 913 |  |
| $1891-92$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 63 | 786 | $\ldots \ldots$. |
| $1892-93$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | 71 | 1,045 | 2 |

The comparatively large number of notices is due to the great preponderance of Koli and other thriftless classes of cultivators.
54. Though the increase caused by the survey rates amounted to 38 per cent., 37 per cent. out of this was due to the policy of including the adjoining culturable waste bits in the newly formed survey numbers. The actual rise caused by the new rates was, therefore, only one per cent. ; so that Sir Barrow Ellis' opinion expressed in paragraph 3 of his letter No. 778, dated 10th March 1865, "that Kapadvanj has hitherto been one of the most lightly assessed districts," still holds true. Since then, it will have been seen that, it has been benefited in many ways; and the western half of it, at least, is in a prosperous condition. Ample justification, therefore, exists for increasing the Government assessment for the new lease on the whole. But in no táluka that I have hitherto dealt with has this work of spreading the increase been of a more delicate character than it is in Kapadvanj. If this is done without paying heed to the present inaccurate classification of the soils, then it does not need great powers of foresight to anticipate that in a few years a large area of land in the mál villages will revert to waste.
55. The climate of the taluka being the same throughout, we have the proximity to markets alone to guide us in the grouping of the villages. The markets which affect prices, and absorb most of the surplus produce, are Ahmedabad, Nadiád and Dákor. Of these, Nadiád stands first in regard to popularity ; for though not so near as Dákor, it is a far wealthier place where sales can be effected with greater readiness. Dákor to the eastern half, and Ahmedabad to the villages on the extreme west, are of about equal value, the advantages of the former in distance being counterbalanced by the wealth and size of the latter.
56. With this preamble I proceed to group the villages. The grouping is as follows:-

Group $I$ includes the town of Kapadvanj and the villages intersected by the first class road to Nadiád, with a few other villages adjoining them.
Group II contains (1) villages to the north of the kasba town, (2) villages in the centre affected by the first class road to Dákor, and (3) the villages lying between group I and the Vatrak river.
Group III is composed of (1) the villages beyond the Vatrak, (2) the villages in the north affected by the first.class road from Modása; and
Group $I V$ is made up of a few villages on the extreme east.
57. I append two maps of Kapadvanj to show the present and proposed grouping. It will not be denied that the former, in many ways, is counter to the accepted methods of the joint report, which are the logical outcome of the survey procedure, viz., the accurate measurement of the fields and their relative classification as regards their soils. No doubt, it must be acknowledged that the caste rates, which the survey rates superseded, were a source of undoubted difficulty to the settlement officer; but, on the other hand, if the classification of the soils had not been affected by an error of judgment, I humbly think the grouping and rating would not have exhibited the amount of confusion that the map shows. I cannot help but add that, if the principles on which the groups and rates were determined had been pushed on to their legitimate end, many a single village ought to have had two rates, not only owing to the Kolis cultivating side by side with Pátidár Kanbis, but because of the distinctive qualities of the soils which, however, had been classified on an incorrect appreciation of their relative values.
58. In view of the above considerations I propose revised rates with the greatest hesitation. For though, as the $Q$ Statement shows, that they, on the whole, seem suitable if we simply keep an eye to the justifications that there are for higher rating, I cannot but express my fear, with the opinions I hold, that in many of the northern, central and southern villages they will prove oppressive to the extent of forcing back cultivation. If the mistakes in the classification are not to be amended as strongly recommended by me, then, to prevent the hardships of inequitable assessment, the new rates should be introduced on the experimental method employed at-the original settlement. This seems to me the only other way out of the difficulties of the situation.
59. The present soil maximum rates are as follows:-

| Group | I | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | Rs. $3-8$, | Rs. $3-4$ and Rs. | $3-0$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Group II | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $2-12$, | $2-8$ and | $2-4$ |  |
| Group III | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $2-0$, | $1-12$ and | 1.0 | 1.0 |

The rates of the villages transferred from Mahudha and Thásra range from Rs. 2-12 to Rs. 1-8.

I propose in their place for-

| Group I |  | $\ldots$ |  | Rs. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group II | ... | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$-..3-12 |
| Group IIT | ... | ... | ... | $. . .2-12$ $. . .2-0$ |
| Group IV | $\cdots$ | ... |  | $\ldots$... 1.8 |

60. The current water maximum rates are:-

| Group I | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | Rs. $2-8$, Rs. $2-4$ and Rs. $2-0$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Group II | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ | $1-12$ and Rs. $1-4$. |
| Group III | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | $1-8$ and, $1-4$ and Re. 1, |
| or the transferred villages being from Rs. $1-12$ to Re. 1-0. |  |  |  |

the same for the transferre ${ }^{\prime \prime}$ villages being from Rs. $1-12$ to Re. 1-0.

The new rates I would propose to take their places are:-

| Group I | $\ldots$ |  |  |  | Rs. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Group- II | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $2-4$ |
| Group III | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $1-12$ |
| Group IV | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $1-4$ |
|  | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $1-0$ |  |

61. Having arrived at this point, I heard that the Survey Commissioner with Dr. Leather, the Agricultural Chemist to the Government of India, was proceeding to examine the mal villages, and I accordingly awaited the result of their inspection, as well as an opportunity to consult with you. Mr. Ozanne, whom I have had the advantage of meeting after the inspection was over, is, $I$ believe, convinced that my contention, that an error of judgment has been committed in the classification of the taluka, is not wrong. He will, I doubt not, state fully in his review of this report what opinions his visit, in company of an expert chemist, has led him to form. But in a conversation with him I admitted that, as the classification has failed us, perhaps, under the peculiar circumstances of the case, the cheapest way out of the difficulty, if money is a consideration, is the proposing of new maximum rates for the mál villages after a due consideration of the condition of each of them.
62. I must notice here one remark made by Mr. Ozanne, that he thought the classification of mál land is most difficult, and it is only possible under certain circumstances; to wit, when the crops are standing to indicate the locality and the intensity of the impregnation of the land with salt. I fully admit this, for salt is an agent always most difficult to detect; and if we have to reclass the mál lands, I would propose doing it early in the field season. But, it is one thing to class a soil with the valuation beginning at the top of the scale, viz. 16 annas, as was done at the original survey, and quite another to begin at the middle of the scale, or 8 annas, as has been proposed by me. Under the latter method a slight mistake, one way or the other, owing to the difficulties of the case, will not be of moment enough to enforce a sacrifice of the survey principles towards which all our efforts tend; nor endanger the success of our efforts at making an equitable settlement. Moreover, I need scarcely add that, we do not, and cannot, claim absolute perfection for our classification results; for the points we have to deal with in arriving at them cannot be weighed in the scale. But what we do claim is that, by the exercise of correct judgment, guided by long experience, we can attain sufficient perfection, under the most difficult circumstances, to afford a safe basis for the equal distribution of the weight of the assessment.
63. In recasting my proposals, I will retain the grouping proposed in paragraph 55 almost intact. The only change I make is the transfer of (1) Porda Fagvel, (2) Fagvel, (3) Fulchatrapura, and (4) Vadol from the third to the fourth group; because in (4) the assessed waste increased during the lease from 1,632 aeres to 2,991 acres ; in (2), from 696 acres to 922 acres ; and in (3), from 281 acres to 469 acres.
64. In the maximum rates, however, the changes are extensive. They begin in group II and go on through the remaining two groups ; and are as follows :-

Group II.
42. Antisar.
43. Ramásdi.
44. Vejalpore.
45. Rampura.
46. Vishvanâthpura.
48. Lakshmanpura.
51. Sikandar Porda.
52. Salod.
47. Lasundra.
$\left.\begin{array}{ll}\text { 49. } & \text { Ládvel. } \\ \text { 50. } & \text { Kathána. }\end{array}\right\}$
Reduced from Rs, 2-12 to Rs. 2-4. During the survey lease their assessed waste increased from 1,391 acres to 3,590 acres.

Do. $\begin{gathered}\text { Because out of an assessed waste area of }\end{gathered}$
$\left\{\begin{array}{c}1,270 \text { acres at the last settlement, only } 9 \text { acres heve come }\end{array}\right.$
under cultivation.
Do. Because the rate of Re Re-12 raises the
assessment to 73 and 54 per cent respectively.
Group IIL.-In this group the following 10 villages have been raised from Rs, 2.0 maximum rate to Ris. 2-4. The reasons are, (1) the present в $106-4$
rates range from Rs. $1-12$ (only in one village) to $\mathrm{Rs} .2-8$; and (2) cultivation in them has reached its limit, in several of them there being no assessed waste to speak of.

| 55. | Apruji. | 60. | Kankerkhed. |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 56. | Suráat. | 61, | Sarkhej. |
| 57. | Chelávat. | 62. | Badharpur. |
| 58. | Ravdárat. | 63. | Mirjapur. |
| 59. | Chared. | 64. | Khalál. |

Rs. 1-12 is the present maximum rate of all but Dudáthal, of which it is Rs. 2. I propose that their new rate should be Rss. 1-12. Ambách has done very well during the survey lease: its assessed waste of 586 acres at the beginning of the lease having dwindled down to 7.3 acres in
65. Ambâch.
66. Sunda.
67. Gahuvar
68. Relia
69. Dudháthal.
70. Letar. 1892-93; but, owing to its distant and isolated situation, its present rate should not be raised, The reason for the lowering of the maximum rate of the other villages is that at the introduction of the settlement their assessed waste was 2,191 acres and now it is 2,715 . In 1892-93, the whol of these 5 villages show a decided extension in the area of cultivation over the preceding years, or I should have recommended a further reduction of the maximum rate, on theis degradation from the 3 rd to the 4th class.

Group. IV.-The maximum rate of only one village Bhutia is reduceđ from Rs. 1-8 to Rs. 1-4.
65. These changes I bave made after taking every point into consideraw tion, such as the soil, whether it is Mal or otherwise ; the extent of the assessed waste, whether it has grown during the survey lease; the assessment due to sub-soil water classification, \&c., (with regard to this last I shall yet have more to say) ; jet I have felt that I have been working in the dark, for with the classification, I may say so dangerously irregular, it is impossible to tell the exact nature of the incidence of one common rate on every part of the area to which it is applied, whether it is light, heavy, or oppressive. Of this, however, we may be satisfied that the area of cultivation will not retrograde in the new lease as it has done in the expiring one, for the present area has already gone through the process of "natural selection."
66. I here give the revised maximum rates I would propose-

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { Group I, Rs. 3-4. } \\
& \text { * II, Rs, 2-12 and 2-4. } \\
& \text { Group III, Rs. 2-4 and 1-12. } \\
& \Rightarrow \text { IV, Rs. 1-8 and 1.4. }
\end{aligned}
$$

67. In respect of the rice water maximum rates, $I$ am of opinion that no changes are necessary in those proposed by me in paragraph 60 above. They are not only intrinsically low, but rice is the only crop that pays best even in Mál land. For proof of this I quote here three typical Mál villages as instances, viz., (1) Lasundra with a present rice maximum rate of Rs. 1-12, shows 496 acres as the area of new rice, whilst the area of old rice is only 309 acres; (2) Daiap with the same maximum water rate shows an area of new rice of 602 acres; and (3) Chikhlod has a water rate of Rs. 2-0 and the area of new rice is 141 acres. A lowering of the water rates as proposed by me because of the reduction of the soil rates seems, therefore, uncalled for as well as inadvisable. If the Mál waste is ever to come extensively under the plough, rice will certain. ly be its staple crop.
68. There is no bhatta land in the táluka.
69. The rates proposed by me give the following results as compared with the revenue of the taluka for 1892-93:-

70.- The above results appear to be satisfactory so far as the figures can be manipulated without the advantage of a correct basis to work on. The first group shows an increase of Rs. $32 \cdot 54$ per cent. There is no Mál land in it, and il out of the 12 villages composing it have rice land producing a second crap. by force of the inherent moisture (bheja) which the land possesses, and which had been overlooked in the original classification, The increase is, therefore, for this and the other reasons already stated, fully justiied. The second group is a mixture of Mal and ordinary soil villages. The former description having been specially treated shew but moderate increases, except in places where an unusually large development in the new rice area is noticeable. In respect of the other villages, Anára and Dápat show increases slightly over 50 per cent., chiefly because of the large extension of new rice land in them. In Jugdupur and Khánpur the increase of over 50 per cent. is mainly due to their having been kept down' at the original settlement owing to the cultivators being of the Koli class. It is necessary to add that in Taiabpur soon after the introduction of the survey rates, a large area of culturable waste ( 469 acres) was granted in lease at the low rate of Rs. 185. This lease was conterminous with the 30 - years' guarantee; the land will therefore come under the operation of the new rate. Hence the rise of 46.54 per cent., although the new rates are the same as the old. The increase on the 3 rd and 4th groups of $11 \cdot 18$ and 4.96 respectively are trifling, and, so far as the Mál villages are considered, may be described as nominal. Captain Prescott, in view of the great inferiority of the Mál land, applied an almost wholly descending distance from village scale to the whole táluka; and it is my intention to recommend its adoption in all special cases, so as to produce as little change as possible in the present proportionate incidence of the assessment. The increase on the táluka is $23 \cdot 53$, but the application of the distance scale may very possibly reduce it to about 18 per cent.
70. The amoint of the current well assessment, or Kasar, is Rs. 2,433. But since the date when this aroount was fixed, the wells have increased by 276, or $26 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent., as shown in paragraph 26 above. And this of course does not represent the full capability in this direction. The result of the sub-soil water classification is as tabulated below:-

71. The extent of the Government occupied land being 80,276 acres, the area adjudged to possess sub-soil water adrantages is, therefore, $52 \cdot 3$ per cent. of it. But I would propose some rectification in this, due to the erroneous classification of the Mál villages. According to the standard by which I would class their lands, the classification of a large proportion of the Survey numbers would be 5 annas and below; and as our rules shut out such numbers from sub-soil water assessment, naturally the assessment due to sub-soil water would be a smaller figure than that shown in the above table. If Government are going to decide to let the classification stand, I would then, to prevent any injustice being unwittingly done, recommend that the benefit of the doubt be entirely given to the cultivators by cancelling the sub-soil water assessment of the Mál villages in toto. I hereunder give a list of these villages, subject to correction by you and the Survey Commissioner, who has made a pretty close inspection of them. The numbers of the villages are taken from the $\mathbf{Q}$ statement:-

| 44 | Vejalpur. | 52 | Sálod. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 45 | Rảmpur. | 70 | Letar. |
| 47 | Lasundra. | 71 | Pordafágweln |
| 48 | Laxmanpura. | 72 | Fágwel. |
| 49 | Ladwel. | 73 | Fulchatrapura. |
| 51 | Sikander Porda. | 75 | Vadadia. |

Besides the above, there are thirteen Mal villages in which there is no sub-soil water classification. By the approval of the above recommendation Rs. 679 of the assessment will be taken off.
73. While on this subject, I am bound to say a few words regarding the sub-soil water classification of the villages on the north of the Kapadranj Kasba. All these villages have their water substratum very near the surface; as near as 6 or 7 feet in many localities. But it is strange to say that, in comparison with the facilities for its use, it is almost practically neglected. I will quote the Mámlatdár here on this subject. He says:-
"The people do not use this water more than they are doing, for the reason that there is what is called us, or some sort of salt on the low land which is found in considerable areas in parts of these villages. The people say that they tried to grow gram, wheat and barley in these tracts, but that the crops failed entirely * * * If people are questioned why they do-not grow sugarcane when the water is so very near the surface, they would say they have no capital ** * * The people of the villages are mostly Dharialas and have no capital for crops like sugarcane. But the town of Kapadranj is very near and some of the cultivators are Kunbis or Patidars. And if the soil were really such as would grow sugarcane, neither capital nor labour would be found wanting $* * * *$. According to my knowledge and information, tracts which are free from salt are made ase of for caltivation."

The capability of growing sugarcane is not a sine qua non in our sub-soil water assessment scheme. The great thing is that water, which would be of incalculable value in the event of a drought, is there in these villages, and that quite near the surface too; and it seems to me that this fact should undoubtedly cause a differentiation to be made between them and those other villages which have no such natural gift to fall back upon in cases of dire necessity. For this reason, and the other that, the classification has been done by giving half fault for the occurrence of a stratum of loose sand, I would not interfere with the sub-soil water assessment of the villages concerned. They are Nos. $34,35,36$,
$37,38,39,40,41,53$ and 54 in the $37,38,39,40,41,53$ and 54 in the $Q$ statement.
74. In this táluka the limit for the free enjoyment of Vada, or homestead land has been one acre. The reason of this departure from the $\frac{1}{4}$ acre rule will be found in Colonel Prescott's Thásra Report, paragraphs 41, 42 and 43 , and ir paragraph 15 of Mr. B. H. Ellis, Revenue Commissioner N.D.'s letter to Gor. ernment, No. 778, dated 10th March 1865. The sanction of Government wa: obtained to this change in their Resolution No. 2633, dated 21st June 1865. The rule under Section 214 of the Land Revenue Code now distinctly lays down the limit of Yada land at 10 gunthas, or $\&$ of an acre, for the part of the Presidency in which Gujarát is included. I would request instructions whether this rule should be made strictly applicable to Kapadvanj and the rest of the province, where the same circumstance is observable. I am now engaged in obtaining a list of all the Yada numbers in the táluka and their areas. When it is ready I will submit it vith a letter for orders.
75. As regards fruit bearing trees in occupied lands. I find that such trees belong to the occupants of the lands in which they stand in all villages except four, viz.; Antroli, Betáváda, Saráli and Sháhpur. In the first three, arrangements are in progress for the sale to the occupants of the trees which bear Government tax. It is to be hoped that this arrangement will soon be satisfactorily concluded. 'In Sháhpura, it seems the occupants have refused to buy the trees. The reason of this refusal is not stated; most probably the trees are too old to fetch any price. In pursuance of the policy observed by Government since the beginaing of the revision settlements in Gujarát, I would recommend that the rights in the fruit trees in Sháhpura be conceded to the occupants concerned.
76. If the proposed rates are approved by Goyernment, I beg that they may be sanctioned for the usual term of 30 years.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
T. R. FERNANDEZ,

Deputy Superintendent, Gujarát Revenue Survey.

APPENDIX A.
Statement showing Rainfall.


1 Deteuts of cultivation ana erops.


Detail of Population according to Uccupation, by percentages.

| agriouliurax Population. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Non-agriculturat Poptlation. |  |  |  | Rxmaris. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Having interest in Land, |  |  |  |  |  | Labourers. |  |  | Total <br> agricultural <br> Population. | Crafts. | Unskilled Labourers, | Others, | Total nonagricultural Population. |  |  |
| Taluka. | Land Occupants not cultivat- ing. | Land Occupants cultivating. | Tenants and sharers cultivating. | Others. | Totalr. | Farm Servants. | Field Labourers and Crop Watchers. | Totale |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | $1{ }^{\text {A }}$ | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13. | 14 |  |
| Kapàdvanj ... ... | 148 | $38 \cdot 16$ | 22.31 | 0.04 | 61.99 | 0.94 | 4.92 | $5 \cdot 86$ | $67 \cdot 85$ | 16.12 | $2 \cdot 61$ | $13 \cdot 42$ | 32.15 | - |  |

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


APPENDIX F.
Statement showing the Agricultural Stock.

|  | Taluka, | Oattle. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | .Sheep. | Goats. | Plojons. |  | Carts. |  | Cropped <br> Land per <br> pair of <br> plough <br> cattlo. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | For plough. |  | For breeding. |  | For other purposes. |  | Milch Cattle. |  | Young Stock. |  | Total. | Horses , and |  |  |  | Large |  | For |  |
|  |  | Oxen. | He- | Bulls, | $\begin{gathered} \text { Bull- } \\ \text { buffaloes } \end{gathered}$ | Oxen. | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{He}- \\ \text { buffaloes. } \end{gathered}$ | Cows. | $\begin{gathered} \text { She- } \\ \text { buffaloes. } \end{gathered}$ | Calves. | Buffalo Calves. |  |  |  |  |  | cattle). |  | goods. |  |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 79 | Kapadvanj ... | 21,413 | 1 | 55 | 34 | 94 | 11 | 14,328 | 11,049 | 9,203 | 7,142 | 63,330 | 569 | 6,242 | 439 | 11,134 | $\cdots$ | 120 | 3,029 | 11-20 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

APPENDIX G.
Statement of Shops, Looms, Temples, \&c., and average Births, Deaths and Vaccination.


APPENDIX H.
Statement of Schools together with their average attendance.


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APPENDIX I.
Statement showing the proportion of Government Occupied and Inám. Lands cultivated by Occupants and Sub-tenants.

| Number ofVulages | Taluka. |  | Total Numbers cultivated by Occupants or Inámdars. |  | Total Numbers cultivated by Occupants or Inamdars in partnershup with others. |  | Total Numbers cultivated <br> by Sub-tenants on Money rent. |  | Total Numbers cultivated by sub-temants for produce of Grann rent. |  | Waste Numbers. | Parampols | Total Number. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | Government. | Inamin. | Government. | Inam. | Goversment. | Inam. | Government. | ${ }^{\text {Inam. }}$ |  |  | Government. | Inam. |
| 1 |  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | . 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14. |
| 79 | Kapadvanj | ... ... | 19,185 | 9,616 | 786 | 437 | 1,548 | 2,083 | 854 | 927 | 6,249 | 1,246 | 29,818 | 13,063 |
|  |  | Percentage | 45 | 22 | 1 | 1 | 4 y | 5 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 3 | 70 | 30 |

APPENDIX J.
Statement showing Wells, Budkis, Tanks and other sources of water-supply.


## APPENDIX K.

Showing ordinary Sales.

| Class of Cases according to the number of times the Survey Assessment for which land is sold. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { Cafer. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Totalal } \\ & \text { Acres } \\ & \text { cold. } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Assessment. } \end{gathered}$ | Avcrage rate of Assensment per Acre. | Total sum sold. | Average rate per Acre nold. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| - 1 | 2 | 3 | 4. | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| $\begin{array}{ccccc} \text { Class } & \text { I- } 1 \text { to } & 10 & \text { times } & . . \\ & \text { II- } 11 \text { to } & 25 & , & . . \\ , ~ & \text { III- } 26 \text { to } & 50 & , & \ldots \\ " & \text { IV- } 51 \text { to } 100 & , & . . . \\ , & \text { V-101 to } 250 & , & . . . \end{array}$ | 4 | 75 | Rs. a. <br> 1274 | Rs. a. p. <br> 1112 | Rs. | Rs. a. p. <br> 916 | $5 \cdot 43$ |
|  |  | 192 | 360 | 1140 | 10,120 | 52114 | $28 \cdot 11$ |
|  | 23 | 65 | 1030 | $1 \begin{array}{lll}1 & 9 & 4\end{array}$ | 7,202 | 110129 | $69 \cdot 92$ |
|  | 5 | 7 | 1012 | $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 8 & 7\end{array}$ | 1,448 | 206139 | 134.70 |
|  | 79 | 339 | 6010 | 1124 | 19,461 | 5766 | $32 \cdot 71$ |

APPENDIX $\mathbf{K}^{(1)}$.
Showing Sales under Court decree.

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## APPENDIX L.

Showing simple Mortgages.


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

Showing Mortgages with possession.

| Clase of Cases according to the number of times tho Survey Absensment for which land is mortgaged | $\begin{gathered} \text { Number } \\ \text { of } \\ \text { Cases. } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Total } \\ \text { Acres } \\ \text { moxtgaged } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \text { Total } \\ \text { Assessment. } \end{array}$ | $\Delta$ verage rate <br> of Assessment per Acre. | Total sum for which mortgaged. | Average rate per Acre for which mortgaged. | Average number of times the barvey Assessmant for which mortgaged, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|  | $\begin{array}{r} 3- \\ 10 \\ 24 \\ 22 \\ 9 \end{array}$ | 83 62 87 55 18 | $\begin{gathered} \text { Rs. } \\ 150 \\ 110 \\ 162 \\ 92 \\ 929 \\ 29 \end{gathered}$ | Rs. a. p. <br> 11211 <br> 1124 <br> $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 13 & 9\end{array}$ <br> $\begin{array}{lll}1 & 10 & 9\end{array}$ <br> 1-9 9 | Rs. $\begin{array}{r} 457 \\ 1,915 \\ 5,567 \\ 6,393 \\ 4,756 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{rrr} \text { Rs. a. } & \text { p. } \\ 5 & 8 & 1 \\ 30 & 14 & 2 \\ 63 & 15 & 9 \\ 116 & 3 & 9 \\ 264 & 3 & 7 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 3.05 \\ 17 \cdot 40 \\ 34 \cdot 36 \\ 69 \cdot 48 \\ 164 \cdot 00 \end{array}$ |
| Total ... | 68 | \$05 | 543 | 1125 | 19,088 | $62 \quad 9 \quad 4$ | $35 \cdot 15$ |

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## APPENDİX M.

Showing Sub-lettings.


## APPENDIX N .

Statement showing the Prices prevalent.


## APPENDIX 0 .

Revenue History for 68 Tillages, situated in the . Kapadvanj Taluka of the Kaira Collectorate, into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1869-64. (The years above the black line are those untecedent to the Survey Settlement.)


## APPENDIX $0^{(1)}$

Revenue History for $\dot{6}$ Fillages of the Thásra Taluka now situated in the Kapadvanj Táluka of the Kaira Collectorate, into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1863-64.
[The years above the black line are those antecedent to the Survey Settlement.]

| Years. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | LABD the Revinuz or WHGCH IS AESBXATED EMTIBELY OB PABTIALLT(INA'M.) |  |  |  Lisim. |  |  |  |  | Bemarks. |
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|  |  |  | $\|$Remisenons durng <br> the year. |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 雄 | $\begin{aligned} & \text { in } \\ & \text { gig } \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 先 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1 | 2 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | $\theta$ | 10 | 11 | 12 | ${ }^{13}$ | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 1858-59 .. <br> 1850-60 <br> 1860-61 <br> 1861-62 <br> 1862.58 <br> Average . |  | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline \mathrm{B8} \\ \hline \\ \hline 2,184 \\ -2,385 \\ \hline \\ \hline 2,789 \\ 2,849 \\ 3,054 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Rs. <br> . <br> .. <br> ... <br> .. <br> .. |  | $\mathbf{R s}_{0}$ <br> $\cdots$ <br> $\cdots$ <br> $\cdots$ <br> $\cdots$ <br> $\cdots$ <br> $\cdots$ <br> $\cdots$ | $\mathbf{R s}_{4}$ <br> 2,184 <br> 2,885 <br> 2,789 <br> 2,840 <br> 3,054 | Bighas. <br> 9,645 <br> 8,373 <br> 8,884 <br> 8,736 <br> 8,553 | Rg, <br> 5,512 <br> 5,311 <br> 4,915 <br> 4,855 <br> 4,778 | $\begin{array}{\|c\|} \hline R 8: \\ 148 \\ 00 \\ 149 \\ 182 \\ 200 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  | Rs. 10,532 10,532 10,532 10,582 10,532 | R8. <br> 3,143 <br> 3,291 <br> 3,519 <br> 3,949 <br> 3,507 | Hyhas. <br> 17,845 <br> 17,845 <br> 17,848 <br> 17,848 <br> 17,930 | Rs. <br> 18,228 <br> 18,228 <br> 18,236 <br> 18,236 <br> 18,364 | Rs. <br> 5,470 <br> 6,766 <br> B,457 <br> 6,580 <br> 6,362 | Rs. | Re. <br> $\ldots$ <br> $\ldots$ <br> $\ldots$ <br> $\ldots$ <br> $\ldots$ <br> $\ldots$ <br> $\ldots$ |  |
|  |  | 2,652 | - | ... | ... | 2,052 | 9,042 | 5,074 | 153 | 5,841 | 10,632 | 3,882 | 17,863 | 18,268 | 6,207 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1868-64 | 10,804 | 9,205 |  | 5,7 | 5,748 | 3,457 | 4,024 | 2,744 | 0.13 | $5,427$ | 5,844 | 3,275 | 20,255 | 17,793 | 6,845 | - | $\cdots$ |  |
| 186445 ... | -5,840 | 5,669 | ${ }^{29}$ |  | 29 | 5,440 | 9,326 | 6,677 | , |  | 6,454 | 3,123 | 20,243 | 17,800 | 8,765 |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1805-6B | 6,079 | 5,948 | 33 | … | ${ }^{33}$ | 5,915 | 0,197 | 6,525 | 70 | 0 4,0 | 5,323 | 3,043 | 20,243 | 17,796 | 9,038 |  | ... |  |
| $1886-87$ | 5,518 | 5,537 | ${ }^{33}$ | 6 | 39 | 5,498 | 9,700 | 6,839 | 231 | 314.8 | 5,319 | 3,041 | 20,244 | 17,725 | 8,770 |  |  |  |
| 1887-68 | 6,528 | 5,541 | 38 |  | 39 | - 5,502 | 9,761 | 6,987 | 220 | 4,981 |  | 3,038 | 20,240 | 17,784 | 8,768 |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| ${ }_{1888-69}$ | 5,901 | 5,807 | 21 | .. | 21 | 5,876 | 0,978 | 6,580 | 235 | 4,961 | 5,316 5,316 | 3,038 <br> 3,038 | 20,440 | 17,783 | ${ }^{9,149}$ |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1888-70 | 6,094 | 6,045 | 21 | ... |  | 6,024 | 9,184 | ${ }^{8,433}$ | 217 | 4,962 | 5,316 |  | 20,240 | 17,793 | 9,279 |  | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1870-71 | 6, | 6,104 | ... | - | 0 | 6,095. | 9,091 | 6,974 | 218 | 4,961 | 5,316 | 3,038 | 20,241 | 17,794 | 9,349 |  | ... |  |
| 1871 t2 | 6,078 | 6,014 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | ... | 8,014 | 9,208 | 0,468 | 518 | 4,957 | 5,212 | 3,035 | 20,241 | 17,78 | 0,565 |  |  |  |
| 1872-73 | 6,284 | 6,108 | ... | ... |  | 6,189 | 8,910 | 6,314 | 225 | 4,957 | 5,311 | 3,035 | 20,151 | 17,794 | 9,420 |  | . |  |
| Average | 6,481 | 6,213 | 18 | 575 | 694 | 5,610 | 8,783 | 6,198 | 205 | 5,019 | 6,383 | 3,070 | 20,234 | 17,794 | 8,894 | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1878.74 | 0,186 | 6,025 | ... | 7 | 7 | 6,018 | 9,077 | 8,396 | 208 | 4,957 | 5,311 | 3,095 | 20,170 | 17,732 | 0,259 |  |  |  |
| 2874-75 | 6,018 | 6,880 | ... | .... | . | 5,880 | 9,202 | 0,534 | 198 | 4,954 | 6,308 | 3,033 | 20,171 | 17,732 | 0,118 |  | ... |  |
| 1875-76 | 5, | 5,735 | ... | $\cdots$ | ..* | 5,735 | 9,369 | 6,998 | 107 | 4,248 | 5,299 | 3,024 | 20,171 | 17,732 | 8,936 | . | $\ldots$ |  |
| 1876 -77 | 8,017 | 5,878 | ... | ... | .. | 5,878 | 0,284 | 8,818 | 216 | 4,990 | 5,236 | 2,962 | 20,171 | 17,732 | 9,056 | - | ... |  |
| 1877.78 | 8,176 | 6,014 | . | ... | . | B,014 | 0,102 | 6,478 | 258 | 4,888 | 5,237 | 2,062 | 20,107 | 17,730 | 9,234 | - |  |  |
| 1878.78 | 0,741 | 6,351 | $\cdots$ | ... | $\cdots$ | 0.351 | 8,735 | 0,142 | 329 | 4,889 | 5,237 | 2,062 | 20,365 | 17,730 | 9,642 |  | ... |  |
| 1870-80 | 6,828 | 6,300 | ... | $\cdots$ | ." | 6,608 | 8,447 | 6,888 | 315 | 5,031 | 6,237 | 2,962 | 20,308 | 17,730 | 9,889 | - | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1830-81 | 7,978 | 7,044 | … | $\cdots$ | ... | 7,044 | 7,898 | 5,461 | 332 | 5,091 | 6,236 | 2,962 | 20,307 | 17,731 | 10,338 | - | - |  |
| 1881-82 | 7,544 | 7,146 | . | ... | $\cdots$ | 7,14 | 7,732 | 5,347 | 315 | 4,973 | 6,397 | 2,962 | 20,49 | 17,731 | 10,423 |  | , |  |
| 1882-83 | 7,526 | 7,111 |  | $\cdots$ | ... | 7,111 | 7,753 | 5,386 | 309 | 4,970 | 6,235 | 2,981 | 20,249 | 17,791 | 10,38 |  | ... |  |
| Averaye | 6,623 | 8,930 |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ | 6,380 | 8,650 | 6,094 | 267 | 4,953 | 5,257 | 2,962 | 20,232 | 17,731 | 9,623 | $\because$ | ... |  |
| 188384 | 8,082 | 7,426 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  | 7,425 | 7,204 | 5,077 |  | 4,964 | 6,230 | 2,980 | 20,250 | 17, | 10,90 | -. | .. |  |
| ${ }^{1894}$-85 | 8,062 | 7,543 |  | 4 | 4 | 7,539 | 7,225 | 4,859 | 361 | 4,984 | 5,230 | 2,980 | 20,251 | 7,1982 | 10,860 | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1885-86 | 8,419 | 7,991 | " | $\cdots$ |  | 7,821 | 6,867 | 4,881 | 288 | 4,984 | 5,230 | 2,880 | 20,650 | 17, |  | $\cdots$ | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1889-87 | 8,430 | 7,857 | 20 | ... | ${ }^{20}$ | 7,887 | 6,856 | 4,636 | 378 | 4,964 | 5,230 | 2,860 | 20,250 | 17,733 | 11,178 |  | ... |  |
| ${ }^{1887}$-88 | 8,322 | 7,767 | 20 | ... | ${ }^{20}$ | 7,737 | 6,985 | 4,746 | 394 | 4,881 | 5,230 | 2,961 | 20,188 | 17,733 | 11,084 | . | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1888-99 | 8,275 | 7,720 | 20 | .. | ${ }^{20}$ | 7,700 | 7,009 | 4,780 | 385 |  | 5,230 | 2,960 | 20,165 | 17,734 |  |  |  |  |
| 1889-90 | 8,391, | 7,766 | 20 | ... | ${ }^{20}$ | 7,736 | 8,965 | 4,748 | 387 |  |  |  | 20,107 20,167 | 17,734 | 11,138 | ... | $\cdots$ |  |
| 1890.91 | 8,351 | 7,799 | 20 |  | ${ }^{20}$ | 7779 | 8,935 | 4,705 |  | 4,681 | 5,280 | 2,960 | 20,188 | 17,736 | 11,1 | .. | $\ldots$ |  |
| 1891.02... | 8,0 | 7,769 | 20 27 27 |  | 20 37 | 7,749 7,859 | 8,884 | 4,737 4,617 |  | 4,888 | 5,230 | 2,960 | 80,265 | 17,733 | 11,228 |  |  |  |
| Average | 8,299 | 7,783 | ${ }^{15}$ |  | 15 | 1,718 | 6,987 | 4,770 | 371 | 4,91 | 5,280 | 2,960 | 80,200 | 17,733 | 11,040 |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## - APPENDIX $0^{20}$.

Revenue History for 5 Villages of the late Mahudha Táluka, now situated in the Karadvanj Täluka of the Kaira Collectorate, into which the Survey Settlement was introduced in 1863-64.
[The years above the black line are those antecedent to the Survcy Settlement.]


## APPENDIX $Q$.

APPENDIX
Effect of Revision Settlement proposals

on Government Occupied Land.



Note.-1. $\mathrm{B}=$ Soill $; \mathrm{W}=$ Water.
2. The averages under the different heads have been worked out on the figures arrived at by the rule of give and take.
leading to show them otherwise, as now dry-orop includes what was assessed as garden and excludes what bald beoom proposed new acre incidences. It would be mis.
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API䜿ENDIX $\mathbf{Q}^{(\omega)}$
Area of Villages J . E . Settlement with details.


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APPENDIX $Q^{(1)}$-continued*

| Number, | Name of Village, |  |  | Former Taluka. | By Former Survey. |  |  |  |  | By Revision Survey. |  |  |  |  | Population. | Rumaris. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Gross Ares, } \\ \text { including } \\ \operatorname{Inamm.~} \end{array}\right\|$ | $\left.\begin{array}{\|c\|} \text { Of which } \\ \text { not } \\ \text { available } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { ceultivation. } \end{array} \right\rvert\,$ | Government Assessed Land. |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Grogs Area, } \\ \text { including } \\ \text { Inams. } \end{gathered}$ | $\left\|\begin{array}{c} \text { Of which } \\ \text { not } \\ \text { avalable } \\ \text { for } \\ \text { cultivation. } \end{array}\right\|$ | Government Assessed Land. |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Occupied. | Unocoupied. |  |  |  | Occupied. | Unoccupied. |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Area. | Assessment. |  |  |  | Arean | Assessment. |  |  |
| 1 |  | 2 |  | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
|  |  |  |  |  | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Rs. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Acres. | Rs. | 524 |  |
| 65 | Ambach |  | ... | Kapadvanj | 1,321 | 93 | 814 | 73 | 85 | 1,321 | 92 | 815 | 73 | 96 |  |  |
| 66 | Sunda | ... | ... | Do. | 2,017 | 492 | 961 | 555 | 398 | 2,013 | 497 | 953 | 555 | 545 | 650 |  |
| 67 | Gahuva | .. | ... | - Do. | 3,626 | 786 | 1,542 | 1,265 | 1,053 | 3,626 | 821 | 1,530 | 1,242 | 1,332 | 712 |  |
| 68 | Relia | ... | ... | Do. | 497 | 29 | 269 | 190 | 159 | 494 | 44 | 263 | 178 | 182 | 155 |  |
| 69 | Dudhathal |  |  | Do. | 1,691 | 316 | 867 | 494 | 398 | 1,687 | 314 | 865 | 494 | 526 | 406 |  |
| 70 | Letar |  | ... | - Do. | 2,329 | 379 | 1,645 | 211 | 164 | 2,326 | 378 | 1,643 | 211 | 221 | 1,022 |  |
|  |  |  |  | - | 24,198 | 5,006 | 11,744 | 2,987 | 2,506 | 24,182 | 5,062 | 11,719 | 2,942 | 3,149 | 12,860 |  |
| 71 | Porda Fagvel-nu ... |  |  | Thásra | 1,018 | 94 | 672 | 10 | 9 | 1,038 | 89 | 671 | 35 | 27 | 614 |  |
| 72 | Fulchatrapura $\quad$.. $\quad$... |  |  | Do.Kapadranj | 4,404 | 350 | 2,506 | 921 | 478 | 4,404 | 351 | 2,505 | 922 | 694 | 1,955 |  |
| 73 |  |  |  | 1,778 | 150 | 1,022 | 469 | 501 | 1,778 | 150 | 1,021 | 469 | 266 | 361 |  |  |
| 74 | Vadol -... ... |  |  |  | Thapadvanj | - 5,764 | 517 | 2,039 | 2,991 | 2,027 | 5,762 | 559 | 2,039 | 2,953 | 2,234 | 1,114 |  |
| 75 | Vadadla |  |  | Thásra . . | 5,261 | 251 | 2,116 | 1,271 | 1,152 | 5,258 | 279 | 2,114 | 1,243 | 1,007 | 2,333 |  |
| 76 | Málitádi Baraiabhág |  |  | Do.  <br> Do. $\cdot$ | 1,089 | . 181 | 476 | 88 | 56 | 1,086 | 181 | 473 | 88 | 67 | 795 |  |
| 77 | Málitádi Pagibhag ... |  |  | Do. <br> Do. | 4,513 | 490 | 617 | 1,577 | 895 | 4,512 | 489 | 617 | 1,577 | 1,108 | 765 |  |
| 78 | Danádra | ... |  | Kapadvanj Do. | 3,371 | 1,215 | 906 | 1,210 | 847 | 3,371 | 1,263 | 905 | 1,163 | 783 | 448 |  |
| 79 | Bhutia | ... | $\cdots$ |  | 4,099 | 871 | 1,506 | 1,714 | 733 | 4,099 | - 886 | 1,501 | 1,705 | 985 | 735 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 31,297 | 4,119 | 11,860 | 10,251 | 6,698 | 31,308 | 4,240 | 11,846 | 10,155 | 7,171 | 9,120 |  |
|  |  |  |  |  | 171,900 | 26,139 | 80,572 | 23,440 | 21,630 | 171,867 | 26,703 | 80,276 | 23,179 | -24,340 | 98,084 |  |

APPENDIX $Q^{(2)}$.

Comparative Statement showing amounts of old Well Kasar and new Subsoil Water Assessment.



APPENDIX $\mathbf{Q}^{(2)}$-continued.


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> HARRINGTON BULKLEY, Esquire, Assistant Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarát;

Captain C. J. PRESCOTT,
Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarát.

Assistant Superintendent's Office, Ahmedabad District,<br>Camp Gyáspur, 24th November 1863.

## Sir,

In accordance with instructions contained in your circular letter No. 461 of 1860, I do myself the honour to submit a report on the Kapadvanj pargana, the classification of which was performed by the "C" daftar under my superintendence during the latter part of the season of 1860-61 and the greater portion of season 1861-62.
2. The delay in furnishing you with this report is attributable entirely to the noncompletion from unavoidable causes of the papers of four villages between which and certain villages belonging to His Highness the Gaikvad boundary disputes remain still to be adjusted. It was my earnest wish to have brought these to a conclusion last field season. Unfortunately, however, sickness prevented my doing so, and I regret to state that I have not yet received the papers of these villages, which are being prepared in the Revenue Survey Office at Surat.

As it is your intention to introduce our settlement in Kapadvanj next year, I have determined to supply you with the information I have collected; further delay would only tend to neutralise any utility this report mey be deemed to possess. Though the statistical information regarding the villages of which the papers are incomplete may, in some respects, be deficient, still the general information supplied will, I hope, be deemed of service.
3. The Kapadvanj pargana is the most northerly district of the Kaira Collectorate. It extends some 22 miles from north to south, $i$. e., from the detached village of Ampach to the village of Kathlal and about 28 miles from east to west or from Bhutia to Mirzapar. The area of the Government villages, 68 in number, is as nearly as possible 214 square miles. His Highness the Gáikvad's territory and the Mahi Kántha country form the northern boundary. On the south there is the Mahudha pargana belonging also to the Kaira Collectorate, while on the east and west, respectively, are the Báásinor district and the Daskroi pargana, the latter belonging to Ahmedabad. Within the limits of the pargana there are 68 Government villages, 2 udhad jamabandi, 6 alienated, and 8 belonging some to the Mahi Kantha Agency, but chiefly to His Highness the Gákvád. These latter are in possession of the Vahivatdar of Attarsumben
4. The kasba of K Kapadvanj pertained formerly to His Highness the Gaikvád of Baroda, from whom we received possession of it in Samvat 1873 (a d. 1816-17), in exchange for the district of Bijapur. At that period it contained but 39 villages, paying revenue to the State, and 4 Inámi villages, as below :

| 1. | Kapadvanj. |
| ---: | :--- |
| 2. | Tyabpur. |
| 3. | Navágam. |
| 4. | Rámpura. |
| 5. | Sorna. |
| 6. | Jaloia. |
| 7. | Singháli. |
| 8. | Khấnpur. |
| 9. | Kálaji Ná Moára. |
| 10. | Ambách. |
| 11. | Sháhpur. |
| 12. | Rattanpur. |
| 13. | Pahád. |


| 14. | Jagdupur. |
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| 15. | Aral. |
| 16. | Abripur. |
| 17. | Amliála. |
| 18. | Danadra. |
| 19. | Bhutia. |
| 20. | Dudhathal. |
| 21. | Relia. |
| 22. | Bagdol. |
| 23. | Chipial. |
| 24. | Bharkunda. |
| 25. | Moti Mondel. |
| 26. | Náni Mondel. |


| 27. | Gángial. |
| :--- | :--- |
| 28. | Gádvel. |
| 29. | Káthlal. |
| 30. | Letar. |
| 31. | Sundá. |
| 32. | Suráli. |
| 33. | Pordá. |
| 34. | Antisar. |
| 35. | Bhátera. |
| 36. | Ghaná. |
| 37. | Sultánpur. |
| 38. | Alámpur. |
| 39. | Rávdavá. |

Inámi Villages.

1. Dantali.
2. Vásna.
3. Mehmadpur.
4. Mirápur.

No. 38, Alampur, was deserted ("ujad") at this period, and in No. 24, Bhárkunda, an "udhad jamábandi" was fixed in Samvat 1883 (A.D. 1826-27), and that village made
over to some Thákors, who still hold possession of it. In Samvat 1874 (A.D. 1817-18) the "kasbá" of Antroli, containing the below-mentioned 18 Government, 1 "Udhad Jamma.bandi" and 2 "Inami" villages was ceded to us by the Peshwa:


Nos. 17 and 18 were deserted (Ujad).

## Udhad Jamábandi.

1: Asmábád-ná-Koth.

> . . Inàmi Villages.

1. Alvá. $\mid$ 2. Naran-gar-no-Math.

In Samvat 1891 (a.D. 1834) the following villages were made over to Kapadvanj from Alima:


Finally, in Samvat 1898 (A.D. 1840) the village of Torna, which belonged to Mahudba was transferred to Kapadvanj, and this constitution of the pargana has continued up to the present time. The "Bhágbatai," "Karumvers" and "Halvero" systems of assessment were in force when we obtained possession of the district., "Bágáyat"" lands also paid an extra "bigoti" according to the description of crop grown as pepper, sugarcane, andso forth. From A.D. 1826-27 to A.D. 1837-38 a regular "bigoti" assessment was gradually introduced into all our villages, and this system has continued in force up to the present time.

The 68 Govermment, 2 "Udhad Jamábandi" and 6 " Inámi" villages contaìn altogether 162 "parras" or "muádás" or "múvadas (hamlets); but for the most part they are a mere collection of huts erected for the convenience of "rayats" cultivating land situated at some distance from the main village site, and cannot be regaided as separate village communities.
5. The general appearance of the country lying to the south and south-east of the "kasba" town, and also that situated to the westward of the Mohar river, is that of a flat well wooded plain; northward of Kapadvanj (keeping still on the west bank of the Mohur) there are a few insignificant undulations as at Ihuchal, ]hetawara, \&c. The soil is for the most part pure "goradu" sand (more or less coarse), being the principal deteriorating ingredients, Some of the better class villages, such as Antroli, KathlaI, Sorna, Chipial, Sarkhej, \&re. possess a rather fayourable order of soil, but on the whole the goradu is coarse and friable, by no means so fine as the same doscription of soil I have observed in Mátar, Dholka, and Daskroi, In Kapadvanj itself and to the north, north-east, and in some degree to the south-east, keeping on the eustern bank of the Mohar, the aspect of the country changes; and here we meet with the mal villages, the soil of which inclines to reddish brown and in parts to very inferior black. There is little or no real good black soil in this portion of the pargana or anywhere else. These mal villages contain a large proportion of waste land which is covered with low scrub jungle and a good deal cut up with nalas and water-courses. Lime-stone and rock are found close to the surface in the low-lying lands; the sdil is of a clayey tenacious nature. To the extreme south. east from Kapadvanj are about 8 or $10^{\circ}$ villages, the soil of which is partly goradu and partakes partly of the mal character. From personat observation I should say that in a general way the villages situated to the westward and southward of Kapadvanj contain the most productive soil; those to the southeeast rank next in order; then come those to the north-west and north, and the last in the list are the mal villages lying chiefly northeast from the "kasba "town. I had nearly omitted to mention that some of the villages abutting on the Mohar and Vatrack rivers, as for instance, Thuchál, Navágam, Sultán pur, Kosam, Chelawat, Wagawat, Gadvel, and others, contain rather poor soil, the texture being coarse and the land a good deal cut up with ravines \&cc.
6. The climate of Kapadtanj from my personal experience of it struck me as being of a very even and agreeable temperature. The average rainfall for the last 5 years amounts to 25 inches per annum. Last year the fall was very heavy indeed, being nearly 43 inches, or almost double the usual amount. I did not find the cold excessive-during the winter months, and in the hot seasons of $1861-62$ mild sea breezes generally prevailed towards the close of the day and frequently a strong and by no means hot wind blew during the day. Except in the mal villages I did not hear of more than the ordinary amount of sickness, chiefly fever and bowel complaints. 'Occasionally, in bad seasons cholera sweeps off numbers
of the people and small-pox is rather prevalent in the bot weather. As you are aware, I suffered from an attack of this disease last March whilst at Kapadvanj. In the mál country the poor rayats are frequently part to great straits owing to the natural poverty of the soil nand the immense difficulties in the way of obtaining an adequate supply of water. The poorer class of cultivators have the barest means of subsistence during the hot weather. They contrive to eke out a " miserable existence" through the instrumentality of mangoes, "khinnies," and maura berries which frequently for months form their only food. It is not to be wondered at therefore that when disease or epidemics make their appearance, the victims should be numerous. I made many enquiries when in the "mal" regarding the best means to be adopted for obtaiaing a permanent supply of water both for the cultivators and their cattle, but I do not believe that it would be possible to increase the present resources at our disposal in any other way than by digging wells, and this, from the natural obstacles existing, would entail a large expenditure of time and money. There are no available spots for "bounding" the rain supply, and the soil is so porous that evaporation, or to speak more correctly, percolation is very rapid in the tanks. I have frequently seen the cattle being correctiv, miles to be watered at some hole dug in the bed of a vala. Were the water-supply of the "mál" of a more permaneat nature than it is, I am of opinion that people froma a distance might be induced to take up land in the villages. With increased population cultivation would naturally extend in a proportionate ratio; for though some portions of the "mal"" are very inferior in regard to soil, there are tracts of very fair land which would the "mal" are very inferior in regard to soil, there are tracts of very fair land which would
well repay being brought under cultivation with the low rate of assessment which I imagine will be fixed upon it.
7. I now proceed to discuss in detail the information contained in the tabular statements appended to this report. This information has been collected from a variety of sources and some of them may not be entirely trustworthy. I would therefore beg your favourable consideration for all shortcomings and errors, though I hope amd believe that not many of the latter may be found to exist.
8. It wonld appear that the 68 Government villages of Kapadranj contain in the agregate 26,290 numbers, as determined by the "Maji Statement No. 1 , compiled Jarif and other authorities.
chielly from the village records

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| Leaving cultivated and culturable do. | ... | ... 1,63,554 15 | 5 |

The corresponding numbers and acres of these villages as determined by our present survey amount to-


Thus it will be seen that we have surveyed the district into very nearly the same amount of "numbers" as have been in vogue hitherto, and reckoning by the total area of the 68 villages, one acre is equivalent to about 18 Maji "Jari" " bigha. This would make the Kapadvanj bigha slightly larger than the ordinary "Jari"" bigha; bat there is no absolute dependence to be placed on these old measurements, especialy in a district with so much waste land in it as Kapadvanj.

I imagine that the late measurements in waste and uncalturable lands had a considerable element of guess work in them. The entire area of Government land in the $\begin{array}{llllllll}\text { siderable element of guess work in ther. } & \ldots & \ldots & 1,12,928 & 15 & 15 \\ \text { "pargana" amounts to bighas } & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & 33,077 & 10 & 10\end{array}$ "pargana" amounts to bighas
$\begin{array}{lllllll}\text { Salami lands } \\ \text { Rent-free lands } & \ldots . & \ldots . & \ldots . & . . . & 17,549 & 10 \\ 0\end{array}$
Thas the proportion that the Cowernment lands bear to the salami is as 27 to 8 or ery nearly $3 \frac{1}{2}$ times as much, and to rent-free lands as 45 to 7 or nearly $6 \frac{1}{2}$ times.

Columns 6 to 17 inclusive of Statement No. 1 show the relative proportions of each description of Government "salámi" ande "reat-free" lands. It is impossible to fornish a scorresponding correct return of these items in Statement No. 2 (colamns 6 to 13 ) owing to the absence of necessary documents concerning the last four vilages of the list; consequently a comparison cannot be instituted between our reselm anegate of all descriptions quently a comparisoct. Snffice it here to state that taking
cords in this respect.
of land of every tenure the total bghas are as follows:

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\text { Jarayat ... } & \ldots & \ldots & 0 \\
\text { Bagayat ... } & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots & \ldots \\
\hline
\end{array}
$$

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\begin{array}{lccccc}
\text { Bagayat... } & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \ldots & 4,8131516 \\
\text { Rice } & \cdots & \cdots & \cdots & \ldots \\
\end{array}
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The dry crop area bearing the proportions on is essentially a "Jarayat pargana." kands and rice, thus proving that Kapadvany is essorison it minst, however, be borne that the "Jaragat" bighas In the above con

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alude all culturable waste, whereas a very small allowance must be made under this head.


Gardem and rice lands being for he most part always under cuitivation the propartion of cultivated Jarayat to cultivated lands of these two descriptions woun that given mfinitely less
above in paran
8, seem from the returns that have been furnished me that the entire revenue of the Government lands, including the prospsetive assessment of waste, would amount to Rs. 1,03,420-11-10, and the "salámi" paid by alienated lands Rs. 29,708-8-8, giving a total amount of Goverbment revenne of Rs. 1,33,129-4.6. I regret that I was mnable to procure returis of the actuab paynents of revenue for each description of land. In the absence of such information, Ifear the entries in columns 24 and 27 to 32 inclusive will not be of such service as I wished them to have been. The figures of columns 29, 30, 31, 32, were obtained by dividing the lump assessment by the aggregate acres of each different description of land, which process of course is not calculated to secure trustworthy "data." However, as before stated, I regret that I was unable through want of time and pressure of other dutien to eliminate the true results of the average assessment and rate of salámi paid in each village. Columns 33 to 40 inclusive require no lengthy explanation at my hands. The lowest and highest average Jarayat classification as well as Bágáyat and rice, both in Government and alıenated lands, $i^{\text {s as below : }}$

Lowest. Highest


On the whole, I am satisfied that the classification of the "pargana" has been performed in a satisfactory manner, and may be considered very even, which is the great principle of our labours in this branch. The change made in the old scale will also have a most beneficial effect and render the assessment of the superior and inferior orders of soll proportionately equitable, which would not have been the case otherwise. In some villages considerable difference may be observed between the average classification of Government and alienated lands. I have appended a memorandum of such villages to Statement No. 1 with a few remarks explanatory of the causes of this discrepancy.
9. In Statement No. 2 are embodied the results of our survey operations. Columns Statement No. 2 compiled from 2, 3, 4, and 5 have already been referred to and the figures the Revenue Survey Records,* they contain compared with those of Statement No. 1. The incomplete, as regards the fon "data" contained in columns 6 to 15 inclusive are necessarily preparation. Columns 14 to 23 contain details regarding the population of the "pargana," and on this head 1 would offer a few remarks. It would appear that in A.D. 1851 to 52 the entire population of Kapadvanj according to the Mámlatdar's census returns consisted of 53,320 people. According to our present "data" there are now 61,780 persous of both sexes, adults and children. This gives an increase of 8,460 persons in ten years or very nearly 16 per cent on the whole. The average number of people at this present time to the square mile is about 290 . The males (adults) number 18,638, females 20, 031 , children of both sexes 23,111 . Of the 18,638 men, 11,319 belong to the agrienltaral classes, 8,866 are artificers, traders, \&c., and the remainder belong to various denominations, many being labourers engaged in agricultural parsuits. In round numbers the agrieultural class may be said to tmount to two-thirds of the entire population. Of the 18,638 males (heads of families) the Kulis number 6,869, Wánias 1,468, Kunbis 1,394, Musalmáns 1,199; other castes make up the remainder 7,708. This would make the Kulis to be rather more than one-third of the entire population in point of number. Viewing the relative proportios they bear amongst the agricultural classes I should certainly estimate is as fully three-fifths of the whole. The Kunbis $I$ estimate at about one-eighth, and the remainder, a trifle over one-fourth, may be given to Musalmans, Rajputs, and others. The population we have seen to have increased some 16 per cent within the last ten years. According to a return I obtained from the Mámlatdar the cultivation has also inereased within the same period some 12,000 bighas or about 9 per cent on the whole area under cultivation. The Kulis are r very thriftless, improvident race, and as cultivators inferior to all the other classes. Not being possessed of capital or a large amount of credit like their more fortunate Patiddr brethren they conduct their agricultural operations in the most slovenly and unremunerative manner possible, being quite content if their fields yield sufficient grain for them to subsist on for a few months and enable them to contract a fresh loan occasionally with the village moneylender. In the hot weather unripe mangoes, "ktrinnis," and maura berries form the staple "food of the Kulis in very many villages. By the exercise of a little foresight and energy in cultivating their fields they might obviate this state of things by ensuring an increased supply of grain but they are too lazy to exert themselves at the proper season and are satisfied with the "hand-to-mouth" existence they lead." As a natural consequence of this feeling there is a good deal of indebtedness amongst the Kuli agricultural population; in fact, even the
"Kunbis" are all more or less in the Wánias' hands. Conversing frequently, as I have done with cultivators and others of various denominations, I have been struck with the utter apathy and ignorance they exhibit regarding their, own private pecuniary affairs. Hardly a man seems to be aware of the extent of his liabilities with the moneylender ard with regard to the prospect of paying off his debts, he evinces the most lofty and supreme contempt. Indeed, he seems to put his trust entirely in Providence, whose especial duty he considers it to be to take care of the "long-suffering rayat." The cultivators gene rally were loud in their praises of the "British Rajj," and bore testimony to the increased security, both of life and properity in the "pargana" within the last 10 or 15 years. Some of the Kulis, however, spoke in, as it seemed to me, half regretful terms of the "good pld times" when "to a great extent"" "might was right," and when, according to their account, it was by no means an unusual occurrence for a "Dharala" gentlemau of embarrassed circumstances to get rid of his own liabilities and his creditor's existence at one and the same moment. On the whole, perhaps, the "moneyed interest" has cause for rejoicing that the times have changed since the introduction of our rule.
10. There are 14,478 cattle used for agricultural purposes, 29,031 buffaloes and cows, including calves of both descriptions of animal, and 6,906 animals of various other classes, chiefly sheep and goats. Dividing the number of agricultural cattle by the number of cultivating families we find that there are 5 bullocks, as nearly as possible, amongst 4 families, which $I$ apprehend to be rather a low average. The proportion of milk cattle to each family is just about double that of plough bullocks, being as nearly as possible 5 animals among 2 families. The average supply of agricultural implements is as below: carts, 1 to every 5 families; of agriculturusts ploughs, 7 to every 11 families; of agriculturists' "sumars," 1 to every 8 families of agriculturists.
11. The standard of agriculture is not in Kapadvanj of a very high order. Indeed with a Kuli population preponderating it would be impossible to expect it. Moreover, the soll in general is not of a superior description, though here and there, as in the Bagayat villages and elsewhere, very good goradu soil is met with. "Pherpalie" or rotation of crops is not much studied, with certain exceptions which I have enumerated in Statement No. 5. I have already made mention of the very poor soil to be found in the "mal" villages. In most of the inferior "goradu" villages the soil of which is considerably mixed up with coarse sand, a coarse grass having roots, which strike very deep into the earth, springs up with the crops andedeteriorates them to some extent. This weed (for it is nothing else, it being impossible to utilise it as food for cattle) is called indiscriminately "dhurro" and "jdb." There is not much "khar" (soda or salt, whichever is its true denomination) to be seen in the district. In Kapad vanj itself Lassundra, Savili, Daiap, Sorna, Salod, and one or two other villages, small patches of the "efflorescence" are visible here and there. In Lassundra there are hot springs which are resorted to by people- of a peculiarly religious turn of mind for purposes of bathing. There are some half-dozen or so of these springs all differing in temperature, the hottest being rather warm. Viewed in a practical light as adapted for purpose of ablution, they would be extremely useful in saving much expenditure of firewood in heating water. I may here mention that the "oos"* or saline
${ }^{*}$ This is the provincial term, we call it "khár."
efflorescence above alluded to is largely made use of in the manufacture of soap and glass and also in the dyeing of cloth at the "kasba" town. Quantities of this earth impregnated with salt or soda are taken to Kapadvanj, from the "khar" nálas of Lassundra, $K_{\text {Kapadvanj, and Sorna. }}$
12. Statement No. 3 contains information regarding the garden crop cultivation of the Kapadvanj pargană. It will be observed that with the exception of four villages vie., Antroli, Sorná, Kathlal, and the kasba town itself, there is not one really good "Bagayat" village in the "pargana." The "kutcha" wells are few and far between, and "dhekudis" still rarer. These latter I imagine in consequence of the wator of the Mohur river being made "chopra" (vitiated or made unfit for purposes of irrigation at Kapadvanj by the dyeing process which is carried on there.) This particnlar branch of trade will be detailed hereafter. Suffice it to say here that I am not at all sorprised that the water of the Mohur should be rendered "chopra," considering the materials used in the dyeing process and the fact of the river-bed being narrow and containing no great volume of water. The garden crops usually grown are wheat, barley, vegetables, and small quantities of tobacco, chiefly for home consumption, Sugarcane is extremely scarce; indeed, I do not think I saw a field of it the two seasons I was employed in the district. At Antroli I was informed they used to grow a little cane, but the white ants destroyed the crops to such an extent that the experiment was not repeated. I may here mention, having omitted to do so previously in the proper place, that $I$ observed large tracts of gronnd in various parts of the "pargana," principally in the villages south, south-west, and west of Kapadvanj town, with roselle, whicn is largely used as food for cathe. A sort of coarse rope is manufactured from the fibrous. roots of this plant. "Gowar"" also struck me as being more extensively cultivated in Kapadvanj than other talukas I have been artificil feeding of to prove that the cultivators are obliged to make provision tor the ar. With regard to their cattle, the natural facilities for graze that I have grouped the villages in my five separate Statement No. 8, I would further oberaphical position, similarly of productive powers, and classes in accordgnce with their geographical posito the first-named of these three conditions depth of soil from surface to water-level. Indeed, the irst-named a be a consequence of the would as a rule regulate the last, so that the depth may be said to be a consequence of the
position. Here and there will be observed striking discrepancies with regard to depths between villages grouped in one and the same class; as for example, Dapat in class 2, Nani Mudel and Chipri in class 3, also Abripur, Shahpur, Porda, Kapdavanj, and Fattiabad. Dapat is situated on the bank of the Mohur river, and if the bank there be high, the depth to the water-level will of course be proportionately great. I cannot aecount for the wells of Nani Mudel and Chipri being so deep, possibly I may have included the depth of the waters as well in my return. A reference to.the "bagayat takta" will solve this question. Should my figures be correct, natural causes alone must account for the difference, such as a generally higher soil level. The other villages specified, although considerably shallower than their class-fellows, are not sufficiently so to make any attempt to account for the disparities necessary. Finally, I am of opinion that the Mámlatdár may have pitched his estimate of cost of construction a trifle too high perhaps, but considering the enhanced (and increasing) price of materials he may possibly be correct enough. I am quite certain, however, that his classification of the bágáyát villayes cannot be looked on as perfectly trustworthy. I may have erred in classing the mal villages as fourth and those bordering on the Watruck os fifth in as far as regards the cost of construction, for doubtless, owing to the rocky nature of the mal ground, excavation there is difficult and expensive, perhaps more so (due allowance being made for extra depth) than in the Watruck "group," but I am quite convinced of this that the cost of constructing wells in the villages which I have put in my second class must be less than in those villages which are situated along the Watruck river. Yet the Mámlatdár has grouped the former in his 3rd and 4th class and the latter in his 2nd, thereby making what I consider the inferior villages stand from 1 to 100 rupees cheaper in the scale of expenditure !! cateris paribus. The difference of depth alone between the 2 "groups" is considerable, which of course would make some discrepancy in the cost of construction. To the best of my knowledge and belief the wells in both "groups" are situated in precisely the same sort of land, plain goradu. The Mámlatdár has evidently included Kapadvanj, Ambách, and Sávli amongst the "mál" grotup. These villages do contain more or less "mal" land, but the wells are not situated theren but in the plain. Why Kathlal, perhaps the best bagáyat village in the "pargana," should be entered as 3 rd class by the Märnlatdár I am at a loss to concur.
13. Statement No. 4* contains returns regarding the mode of manuring land in vogue in all the villages. The information on this head was of course supplied by the rillagers themselves, so is open to criticism. You are perfectly aware of the insuperable difficulty, I may almost say utter impossibility of eliciting really accurate information from villagers regarding their agricultural operations. Even men of standing and respectability such as Matádárs, Mookhies, Garasiás, \&c., are incapable of giving straightforward truthful answers to questions either from the naturally warped and crooked bent of the black man's mind, which induces him as a rule to tell a lie in preference to the truth, or because he wishes to deteriorate the value of his land generally, and therefore endeavours to mislead his questioner, being all the while perfectly ignorant of the drift of the queries put to him. I presume it may be taken as an accepted fact that manure is' employed in cultivation annually if procurable. Some crops cannot be grown without it to be remunerative. Striking an average for the entire pargana, it would appear that manure is made use of every three years, and the amount per acre would be about 20 carts, each containing 32 maunds or annually 7 carts per acre, each containing 32 maunds. The percentage of crops grown in column 3 of Statement No. 4 will afford a pretty fair estimate of the relative productive powers of every village.
14. In Statement No. 5,* I have endeavoured to compress all the information I was enabled to obtain regarding the crops grown in the pargana. Columns 1 to 7 inclusive do not seem to me to demand any particular explanation. With regard to columns 8 to 11, I would reiterate the remarks made in the beginning of preceding paragraph. The figures contained in these columns were supplied to me partly by the Desais and Ameens and partly by the Mámlatdár. I of course took every opportunity of testing their accuracy by comparing them with the statements of cultivators, but, as already observed, it is difficult to obtain trustworthy "data" from such sources. I may mention here that the entries in columns 8 and 10 seem to me to be tolerably near the mark in regard to accuracy. I am by no means so certain of the trustworthiness of the figures in column 9 , though these have been framed from the "price-current list" supplied me by the Mámlatdar for the past twelve months. The results entered in column 10 are necessarily influenced by the entries of column 9. The price of grain according to the Desais' estimate varies from onethird to two-thirds less than that supplied by the Mámlatdar's Nirak, from which I con, clude the former is calculated on the rates obtaining in the villages in which the various grains are produced, the latter according to the market rate of the Kasba towns. However, even this is not enough to account for the great discrepancy between the two estimates. My own opinion is that the actual profits realised by the cultivator are more accurately indicated by the Desai's figures than the Mámlatdar's, as the village "Wanias" are the principal purchasers of surplus produce, and having to a very great extent the rayat in their power they are able to fix "fancy " prices, a principle they apply also to their "sale" dealings when they can. For the sake of comparison, I append a list of the prices of grain as estimated by the Desais.

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| One-third less than Mámlatdar's Nirak, | One-half less, |  |  | Two-thirds less, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1. Urid. | 1. Bajri. | 12. | Kolu. |  |
| 2. Mug. | 2. Jovaric | 13. | Rajghera, | 2. Karela |
| 3. Tll. | 3. Bowta, | 14. | Sursav. |  |
| 4. Lassun. | 4. Kodra, | 15. | Cheena. |  |
| 5. Mirchj. | 5. Matr. | 16. | Kang. |  |
| 6. Donglı | 6. Kappas | 17. | Kengni, |  |
| 7. Tobaceo | 7. Tur | 18. | Sakria. |  |
|  | 8, Walor. 9, 9untio | 19. | lice of all sorte. |  |
|  | 10. Mogri. | 21. | Sugar. |  |
|  | 11. Kusumba, | 22. | Mustard. |  |

Wheat and methi are about the same price in both statements. I may here remarE that the profit on cultivation entered in column 11 includes the price of "polies" of jowari, \&c., and other refuse capable of utilisation after extracting the grain. The Jamábandi figures are entered roughly at from Re. 1 or $1_{\frac{1}{1}}$ for dry crop to Rs. 5 and 6 for rice and garden crops. With regard to these latter, I would observe that the profits (which in some instances, as mogri, karela, kolu, rajgira, \&c., seem very large indeed). are more apparent than real. The grains and vegetables are not cultivated for sale, but chiefly by men of capital, as well-to-do Pátidárs, Wániás, or for their own private consumption: hence their market-value must be looked upon as to a certain extent mythical, there being little or no demand for them. Rengni, mirchi, dongli, lassun, and tobacco are all valuable, though very little grown, and their price can hardly be so high as indicated in the Mamlatdar's "nirak". The Desai's estimate,.I am of opinion, is near the mark or possibly a "happy medium" between the two.
15. The import and export trade of the district for the year 1861-62 was as below:

Exports.


Imports.


The value of the imports exceeding that of the exports by Rs. 48,650. The principal articles of manufacture in the Kasba town are, 1st, glass, 2nd, soap, 3rd, dyed cloth, 4th (but not to any great extent, and this chiefly for home "consumption" in the surrounding villages), copper atensils for domestic purposes. There are markets for the sale of grain and coarse cloth for wearing apparel at Antroli and Torna, but they are hardly worthy of notice. Kapadvanj Kasba contains the principal market as it iss the seat of the most important manufactures. Having personally inspected the mode in .which the glass and soap are manufactured, and the cloth prepared and dyed for "sáris" \&c., a short description of each process may be acceptable. The glass is made in large earthen receptacles which resemble in form huge slipper baths. The floor has a gradual slope from the rear to the front to enable the melted glass to run out into holes dug for the purpose. The surface of the oven inside in which the material is manufactured is baked as hard as ice and looks as white and slippery. The component parts of glass are "oos" the saline eflorescence already adverted to in para, and sajikhar (an impure carbonate of soda), besides a dark-coloured siliceous sand which is obtained from Jeypur, and these being all mixed up together (the exact proportions I am ignorant of) are thoroughly boilod for hours in the ovens made mention of before. The boiling mass is then allowed to run out into a trench dug for it, where it remains until cool. It is then broken up into small pieces, remelted, and in this liquid state made into bangles, beads, \&c. I have seen nude attempts made at bottles, glasses, and fancy animals (chiefly peacocks) of strange and wonderful shapes. These "higher fights of art" were, however, extremely thin and brittle, smashing to pieces the instant they were touched. The glass-makers, as a matter of course, informed me that the trade was barely remunerative; but looking at the export returns and considering the fact of the manufacture having been in existence prior to our getting possession of the province, I am inclined to think that it must yield them a tolerable means of subsistence at all events. One bhatti or boiling they informed me ran from 2 to 250 maunds glass, and the price this fetched was between Rs. $1 \frac{1}{4}$ to Rs. $1 \frac{1}{2}$ per maund. Soap is manufactured by mixing together "oos" and "choons". (soda and lime) in water and allowing these ingredients to soak for some hours. The water is then drawn off and a quantity of dhulio (mowra berry oil) is added, the whole being well mixed together and boiled in large "pucka" built brick cauldrons. The mixture when ready is run off into shallow brick troughs, where * it remains until cool. It is then collectod into a large heap and well pounded up with heavy wooden mallets; finally, it is made into circular cakes and sold as soap. The first sort soap is purchasable at 8 cakes for the rupee, second sort 12, third sort 16. The classes vary in excellence according to the amount of "dhulio" made use of in the manufacture.

Cloth is prepared for "saris." and "pagris" by the "Bhowsars" who have had regular places hewn out for the purpose in the rocks which form the bed of the Mohur river. These "Gháts" a rẹ in numbers just below the Assistant Collector's bungalow, and I was in the habit of going down to inspect the process occasionally, which is conducted in this wise :-The plain white cloth is soaked for five days in one of the aforesaid "holes" cat out in the rock in a mixture composed of "oos", dholio, and sheep-droppings liquified with water. It is then taken out and boiled in alum and water, and after being well dried it is ready to receive the pattern which is printed from blocks of wood. The colours in ordinary use are red and black. If something extra beautiful or artistical be desired in the way of patterns the cloth is sent to Kurral or Attursumba to be printed, the artists of which places are supposed to be more talented than their local brethren. The "Bhowsars" pay from Re. 0-8-0 to Re. 1 to stone masons for boring holes in the rock in which they soak the cloth. Considering the deleterious qualities of the ingredients emploged in this dyeing process, viz., soda, alum, "mowra" berry oil, and sheep-droppings, it is not to be wondered at that irrigation from the river is impossible, as alleged in those villages lying below Kapadvanj.
16. The principal roads for traffic in Kapadvanj are, 1st, from Rutlam and Ságbára via Lunavada to the Kasba town through the villages of Gowha Sunda and Alumpur; 2nd, from Sambaji (where the great fair is usually held in the north) via Ambách, Alva, and Kallaji-na-Muára to Kapadvanj; 3rd, from Dohad and Godhra to Kapadvanj through Lasíndra, Chiklor, and Ránpur; 4 th, to Ahmedabad from Kapadvanj via Antroli, Charrer, Buddurpur, \&c.; 5th, ta Mehmadabad by Dassulvara, Torna, and Abripur into Mahudha "pargana"; 6th, to Nadiạd via Amliala, Bhatera, Katlal, \&c.; 7th, lastly there is the road in course of eonstruction by the Public Works Department from Tintor via Gundera to Kapadvanj, and so on to Mahudha and Nadiád.

All these roads with the exception of the last mentioned are the ordinary district roads of the period. During the monsoon I conceive locomotion must be difficult, particularly through the "mal" country. the north and east of Kapadvanj, and which run partly
17. I did not observe any places where the natural facilities for ensuring a plentiful supply of rain water might be increased by means of "bandárás" and sach like marks. This is a subject which not only ivvolves considerable professional skill in that particular me to pronounce an opinomands a practical knowledge of the levels of the country to enable it is with extreme diffidence with any certainty; consequently being possessed of neither, be à district calculated to promote the devel opinion that Kapadvanj does not appear to be a district calculated to promote the development of irrigational measures. The supply.
of water contained in the rivers which flow through the "pargana" will be duly tested and would, especially in the "mál", with the exception of increasing the number of wells, which of uny scheme by which Government could extend boon to the cultivators, I am not aware where the measure should be put into operation.
18. In conclusion I
make all due allowances for errors and shopress a hope that you will be kind enough to contained in this report may be found to shortcomings, and trusting that the information fond to a certain extent useful.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
(Signed) Harringion bulkley, Assistant Superintendent, Revenne Survey and

Assessment, Gujarát.
N.B.-The figured statements alluded to in this report are very voluminous and are not forwarded herewith, as they could only be printed at great cost.
C. J. PRESCOTT,

Superintendent.

No. 166 of 1864.
From
Captain C. J. PRESCOTt,
. Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment,

> Gajarát ;

To
J. W. HadOW, Esquire,

Collector of Kaira.
Camp Kapadvanj, 23ird March 1864.

## Sir,

I have the honour of forwarding herewith vernacular statements showing the revised With two akeleton maps, dagrams,
and their accompanying atatemental of assessment, on the principles of the Revenue torate.
2. The detailed statements are submitted in the vernacular, in order to save nnnecessary time and expense in preparing them in English, as they are not permanent records, but merely estimates to enable you and the Revenue Commissioner to judge of the suitability of the rates proposed. When the sottlements have been completed, English detailed statements will be printed and submitted to you, showing the exact effects of the rates proposed and accompanied by a report, in which I hope to state more fully than is now requisite my reasons for fixing the rates of each village.
3. During your absence from the Collectorate on leave, I consulted the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., regarding the proposed rates for Kapadvanj, and he approved of their experimental introduction, provided you should not object to them. They are consequently now being calculated. The Thasra rates have yet to receive Mr. Ellis' sanction, and I beg the favour of your forwarding them to him as soon as you conveniently can, and of suggesting to him the adrisability of according his sanction to the rates, either as now proposed or modified as you and he may see fit, by telegraph, in order to save as much time as possible.
4. Kapadyanj.-The following are the principal considerations which have determined me to fix the rates of assessment in this district at a pitch which, as you will see from the accompanying statement $t_{2}$ will raise the revenue of cultivated Government lands about 20 per cent.
 twenty years.

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Fide diagram - ... ... ... b. The collections from cultiva $1843-44$ to Rs. 75,342 have risen foing an increase of 44 per cent in twenty years.

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c. During this period remissions have averaged. only Re. 0-6-11 per cent of the gross rental,
d. Population (which in the Government villages now averages 290 to the square mile) has in ten years increased from 53,320 sonls (according to the Mámlatdar's census returns of $4 . D$. 1851-52) to 61,780 , or 16 per cent.
e. The existing bigoti rates of assessment were fixed between the years 1827 and 1839. From the old Survey records, prepared. in 1836, I find that the price of bajri, the staple grain of the district, was about kacha maunds $2 \cdot 35$ the rupee and a few years later it fell as low as kacha maunds 4.0 the rupee. The price of this grain in the Kapadvanj bazár according to the Government Gazette of the 10th instant, is 14 kacha seers the rupee, $i . e$. the price has increased more than tenfold.
f. Although no one can be more opposed than I am to over-assessment, yet experience has convinced me that too low a rate of assessment, especially in a district which, like Kapadvanj, is chiefly inhabited by Kolis and other tribes of a careless and unthrifty character, is apt to defeat its own object, and that the necessity of having to provide a moderate rent tends to improve cultivation, to earn a greater amount of agricultural produce to be grown, and to make the people more industrious.
g. The facilities for disposing of the surplus agricultural product of this district will shortly be greatly increased, by the new railway feeder, now under construction from Kapadvanj kasba, through Mahudha, to the railway station at Nadiad.
5. According to the accompanying vernacular statement, you will see that the rental of cultivated Government lands according to the proposed rates is Rs. 95,894 against Rs. 75,344 collections in 1862-63, or an increase of 26 per cent. The former sum is, however, somewhat larger than the real Survey revenue will be, on account of the usual reduction which you are aware is made in working out the rates of fields distant from the villages, and which reduction will of course lower the average rates given in the statement. The real increase in the pitch of assessment will therefore be, as I have above stated, about 20 or 21 per cent, and I am sure that on considering the reasons detailed in the last paragraph you will agree with me in thinking this increase not by any means too great.
6. I will now proceed to consider the grouping of the 68 Government villages of the district, according to their dry-crop rates, and the maximum rate proposed for each. And on this subject I beg to make one preliminary observation, equally applicable to this district and to Thásra.
7. After considerable discussion, last year, regarding the rates of assessment for the districts of Mehmadabad and Mahudha, I think that Mr. Ellis and yourself are fully agreed with me and Mr. Pedder, that in your Collectorate it is absolutely necessary to make a difference in the maximum rates of assessment between villages similar in respect of climate and position with regard to markets, but in one of which nearly the whole of the axable land is under cultivation, the population large, and the inhabitants are Kunbis or Patidars, skilful cultivators, and rich in money and in agricultural stock, while in the other the proportion of waste land is excessive and the population scanty, and composed of poor, idle, thriftless, unskilful Kolis. This principle, for reasons with which no one is better acquainted than yourself, I have considered it necessary to apply freely in both the districts under report. It will account for the considerable difference which you will notice between the proposed maximum rates of neighbouring villages, and I feel convinced that you will agree with me that had this difference not been made, either Government revenue would have been unnecessarily sacrificed in prosperous villages, or the progress of poor onos would have been checked by the imposition of rates, not indeed heavier than the people could pay, but too heavy to leave that desirable margin of profit to which we must look for the accumulation of agricultural capital.
8. The villages of Kapadvanj have been grouped as follows ;

9. The first class comprises, 1st, the Kasba town, which from its containing an excellent market, and a large and wealthy trading population, ought certainly to pay the heaviest rates; 2nd, the large and prosperous villages of Antroli, Bhátera, Torna, Kuthlál, and Ambaliala, all situated to the southward of the Kasba, and either on or near the new road to Nadiád ; and 3rd, the fine villages of Chapri, Surali, and Chikhlod, which are, however, not quite so favourably situated with respect to markets as the villages just named, and which have consequently been rated 4 annas lower. The 2nd class comprises, 1st, a large group of villages situated in the west of the district, on the banks of the river Vatrak, and not very far distant (about 12 to 18 miles) from the railway stations of Mehmadabad and Barejdi and from the city of Ahmedabad. A difference of annas 8 has been made in the maximum rates of these villages according to their comparative distances from these places; 2nd, the villages in the vicinity of and to the southward of the Kasba town. It is among these villages that the differences of rate explained in paragraph 7 above principally occur.

The 3rd class comprises the poor and thinly inhabited villages, situated in the "mal" to the northward and eastward of the Kasba,
10. I will now proceed to discuss the pitch of assessment which I should recommend for the 53 Khálsa villages of Thásra, which, as you will see from the accompanying vernacular statement, will raise the assessment of cultivated Government land about 5 per cent.
11. (a) The cultivated area of Government lands has increased from acnes 18,498 in A.D. 1843-44 to acres 24,806 in 4.D. 1862-63, being an increase of 34 per cent in twenty years.
(b) The collections from cultivated Government lands have risen from Rs. 58,211 in $1843-44$ to Rs, 71,750 in $1862-63$, being an increase of $24 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent in twenty years.
(c) During this period remissions have averaged Re. 0-15-8 per cent of the gross rental.
(d) The population of the 53 Khalsa villages of Thasra is about 46,500 or 350 to the square mile. . I regret that $I$ cannot now give the exact figures or rate of increase. They will be given in my report on the effect of the survey rates.
12. A comparison of these figures with those given in my 4th paragraph above will show you that the assessment of Thásra has been comparatively heavier than that of Kapadvanj, and its rate of progress consequently shown. For this reason I consider that the increase in asseasments in Thásra ought not to do so just as in Kapadvanj, and the following considerations will, I think, convince you that the proposed pitch is nearly correct :

1st. The most heavily assessed among the Khálsa villages of Thasra ought obviously to be Umreth Kasba; a large market town, not far from the Anand railway station, with which it will soon be connected by a railway feeder now being constructed. In its position with regard to the railway and to the great markets, and in wealth, and population, Umreth may fairly be considered on a the Mehmadabad towns of Mátar and Kaira, and maximum dry-crop rates as have it, and for the best villages near it, the same maximam and class villages of Mehmadabad, viz. been already sanctioned for the 1st and 2 . These rates, being the highest, of course regulate the Rs. 4-12 and Rs. 4-8. These district. other maximum rates of the district.
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2nd. The average of the maximum dry-crop rates I have proposed for Kapadranj is Rs. 2-7-7. That of the maximum dry-crop rates I propose for Thasra is Rs, 8-6-8, and the difference being Re. $0-10^{-1}$ or vairly be imposed upon Thasra in consideration of opinion quite as much as can in position, density of population, and in possessing cultivators generally more thrifty and skilfal than those of Kapadvanj.
13. From the accompanying vernacular statement you will see that the estimated rental, at the proposed rates of cultivated Government lands, is Rs. 79,866 against Rs. 71,750 in 1862-63, being an increase of 11.30 per cent. wil be, and the actual increase in the pitch of assessment will be about 5 or 6 per cent.
14. I will now proceed to consider the grouping of the 53 Kha lsa villages of Thásra according to their maximum dry-crop rates, and the maximum rate proposed for each :

15. The first of these classes comprises the Kasba towns of Umreth and Thásra, and the group of villages lying between these and the large town of Dakor, the rates varying chiefly according to proximity to one or other of these markets, or to the railway station of Anand.

The $2 n d$ class comprises those villages which lie between the last group and the river Mahi, with a few to the northward and eastward of Thásra Kasba, and most of which are separated from the Kasba by the river Shedhi.

The 3rd class comprises the poor mal villages to the north of the district. One village, Kampur-Chandisar, with a rate of Rs. 2-4, is very near Thásra and Dákor, but it is a wretchedly poor village in the middle of mal.
17. You may perhaps think that the increase of assessment in the last group of all is very great. But I beg to observe that it is impossible to impose a lower average rate than annas 13.6 per acre, or less than annas 8 per bigha, and that the real increase will not be so great as appears on account of the reduction for distance from the villages, and of there being a quantity of "peta padtar" land shown in the registers in cultivated numbers.
18. Rice water rates both in Thásra and Kapadvanj have, as a general rule, been calculated at maximum of Re. 1-0-0 less than the maximum dry-crop rate of the village. This was the pitch adopted in Mahudha, and it has been found to work very well.
19. You will see from the statements that there is but little garden cultivation under permanent wells in either of the districts under report, and in most of the villages the wells are very deep and the water-supply scanty. I have consequently been very careful to
impose only a light "bafáyat kasar," considering it of more importance to encourage garden cultivation by light rates, than to raise a trifle more revenue. The highest scale combined will be about equival Umreth Kasba, where the dry-crop rate and "kasure"
20. In Thásra there is a good deal of inim bagayat rate of Rs. 8-0-0 per acre.
the lands capable of being watered from that rigation from dhekudis in the Shedhi river, and water-rate in addition to the dry-crop assessmer will be assessed at a light permanent Mahi, the Vátrak, and the Mohar, is so verm limt. Irrigation from the other rivers, the while to impose permanent water so very limited, that I have not thought it worth bag used to lift the water.

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ging the favour of your sending thisangenents will meet with your approval, and begas you may deem necessary upon them, to the Revetements, together with such remarks with the least possible delay.

> I have the honour, \&c.,
> (Signed) C. J. PRESCOTT, Captain, Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarát.

Report No. 166A of 1864, dated 23rd March, from the Supexintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, submitting proposals of the revision of assessment in accordance with the principles of the Revenue Survey in the pargana of Kapadvanj and Thasra,

Vernacular statements, two maps (skeleton) and two diagrams with explanatory statements.

Submitted with accompaniments as per margin in original for the consideration and orders of the Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

1. The 68 Government villages of the Kapadvanj District into which it is proposed to introduce this season revised rates of assessments are arranged into three classes or groups containing 9,46 , and 13 villages.
2. The maximum and average dry crop rates for the villages in each class are as follows:


The average maximum dry-crop rate is Rs. 2-7.9.
3. The kamal or survey rental for the whole of the cultivable lands is according to the diagram Rs. 1,24,128.
4. The estimated rental of the Government cultivated lands according to the proposed rates amounts to Rs. 95,894 against Rs. 75,344 , the collections in $1862-63$ being an increase of about Rs. 26 per cent.
5. The increase on the average collections of ten years is about Rs. 31,152 or 48 per cent.
6. It is, however, explained as regards the rental that the actual survey revenue will be somewhat less than the amount abovementioned, viz., about 20 or 21 per cent, as the rates of some lands which are more or less in unfavourable positions owing to the distances they may be from the village and other causes will be reduced according to the distance scale, the adoption of which for the Mátar (now Mehmadabad) district as a plan for modifying the classification rates when the intrinsic value of a field is affected by extrinsic circumstances such as its position in respect to the vullage, was approved of by the Revenue Commissioner.
7. The Collector believes that in determining ultimately the value of a field the extrinsic as well as the intrinsic circumstances affecting its value are considered, the former being defined and estimated separately. The position of a field in respect to the village is perhaps one of the most important of the extrinsic elements affecting its value, and the Collector does not understand when the value of a field is so affected why it should not be noted by the classer in his field-work in view to a deduction being made at the time in fixing the actual relative value of the field. The Collector presumes that other externalinfluences are taken into consideration and that the value of fields is not determined solely by the intrinsic value of the soils such as texture, depth, natural situation, \&e.

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9. The Parantij district ${ }^{*}$ does not differ, the Collector believes, materially from Kapadranj-in respect to soil, climate, general appearance of the country, population, classes to which the cultivators belong, products and husbandry, but the difference in the rates of asssessment are, it will be observed, considerable. Rs. 2 to Re. 1 for the former against Rs. 2-7-9 the average maximum for the latter.
10. It may be that in Kapadvanj the varieties of the dry-crop soil have been ascertained to be generally of a superior quality to those of Parantij; that suore valuable products are grown; that the cultivators are generally more skilful ; that the climate is more favourable to cultivation, and that the villages are generally in a better condition and more favourably circunstanced as regards markets and facilities of reaching them; but the Collector, who bas had charge of both districts, is not aware of the existence of these differences, as in respect to climate and markets Parantij, he considers, has either the advantage.
11. It will be seen from paragraph 4 , in the last twenty years the cultivation has extended from acres 25,454 as calculated from the assessed bighâs to aures 42,623 in 1862-63, an increase of 70 per cent; that the increase of collections is 44 per cent, and that according to the Mámlatdár's census returns of 1851-52 the population has increased in the last ten years 16 per cent, and that the price of bajri, which is the staple product of the district, has increased since 1831 more than tenfold.
12. The above considerations appear from the explanation given in this paragraph to have principally influenced the Superintendent in fixing the rates at the pitch above noticed. He notices however, as worthy of consideration, the fact of the construction of the railway feeder to the Nadiad Station, and also allades as an argument against fixing too low a rate of assessment to the circumstance of the district being chiefly inhabited by Kolis and other tribes of a careless and unthrifty character.
13. As regards the latter the Collector doabts whether it would be found in practice that in a district like Kapadvanj, where the cultivators belong chiefly to the Koli and .other Mehwási tribes, a higher assessment would tend to improve culture and make the people more industrious. The principle may be good in theory and might be found to answer in a district where the cultivators generally belong to a different class of people, but the Collector cannot see how it can be held to apply to a district like Kapadvanj.
14. The condition of the cultivators has in all parts of the Presidency been greatly improved as is well known by the extraordinary high prices that have everywhere prevailed during the last six or seven years, and the Collector fully admits that this, combined with the probablity of a continuance of the present prices, is an element that cannot be lost sight of in the revision of the assessment of a district. It is not, however, a consideration of a durable character, and as an element it appears to the Collector to be as uncertain and as liable to fluctartion as the condition of the cultivators. He is therefore respectfully of opinion that it is wrong in principle to attach much weight to this consideration in fixing the amount of assessment to be levied from a district.
15. As regards the grouping of the villages upon which so much depends as regards the future stability and success of the settlement, it will be seen from paragraph 7 that the Superintendent has duly considered the fact of the existence under the system that has hitherto obtained in this and in other districts in the Kaira and Ahmedabad Collectorate of different average rates of assessment in villages similarly circumstanced in respect to climate, soil, and markets, the rates being found to be higher in Kunbi than in Koli and Musalmán villages and has regulated the classification accordingly
16. The attention of the Superintendent was directed in paragraphs 13, 14, and 15 of the Revenue Commissioner's letter above quoted to the necessity of giving sufficient weight to these differences in the rates of assessment. As regards the Mehmadabad District the Collector was under the impression that due allowance had not been made for the difference in the class or caste of people forming the bulk of cultivators in different villages, and the Re venue Commissioner being also of this opinion, instructed the Superintendent to lower the rates in 14 Fillages. without removing them from the class in which they had been placed.
17. It was chiefly to those in villages in whioh the difference was the more marked that the Colleotor referred in his momo submitting the proposals for the reision of marked ment when he offered his opinion that the maximum rates were high, and it was an oversight his omitting to speoify the villages. The Collector has all along been of opinion that where süch class rates as they may be termed have so long existed, they cannot without great risk of injury be done away with at once and all villages treated the same according to their intrinsic circumstances
18. The Collector sees nothing to object to in paragraph 9, and he considers that ujpect to in the grouping of the villages as explained equitable. It is difficult, however, on the information which the Superintendent has supplied
in this report to form any decided opinion on the subject, and before pronouncing one the Collector would like to see the effects of the proposed revised rates. It appears from para. graph 6 that the Revenue Commissioner has approved of the experimental introduction of 19 The 53 believes that the settlement is now being introduced.
introduce this season revised rates of assessmana District, into which is also proposed to containing 10,24 , and 10 villages.
19. The maximum and average drycrop rates for the follows:

1st Maximum
Rs, a. p. Rs. a, p.
4120 to 400
$312 \quad 0$ to $3 \quad 0 \quad 0$
2120 to 180

## Average

R. a. p. Rs. an p.

3142 to 2146
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$110 \quad 7$ to $013 \quad 6$
21. The average maximum dry-crop rate is Rs. $3-6-8$, whereas that of the maximum dryncrop rates proposad for Kapadvanj is Rs. 2-7-9, showing a difference of Re. 0-14-11 or nearly one-third higher for Thásra.
22. The estimated annual or survey rental for the whole of the culturable land is according to the diagram Rs. $98,987$.
23. The estimated rental of the Government cultivated lands according to the proposed rates amounts to Rs. 79,886 against Rs. 71,749 , the collections in $1862-63$ being an increase of about 11.30 per cent, bat the actual increase in the pitch of assessment when the rates for certain fields are reduced by the distance scale will, it is explanned, be about 5 or 6 per cent.
24. It will be seen from paragraph 10 that in the last twenty years the cultivation in this

## *Calculated from the assessed bighás.

paragraph 10 that in the last twenty years the cultivation in this
district has extended from acres $18,498^{*}$ in A.D. 1823 to 1844 to acres 24,806 in A.D. 1862-63, being an increase of 34 per cent, and that the increase of collections is $24 \$$ per cent, the increase in the population is not given.
25. The Superintendent is of opinion, on a comparison of the above figures with those for the Kapadvanj district, that the assessment in Thasra has from its being heavier operated in checking its progress; and the Collector has no doubt that the difference may be so accounted for in a great measure. The Superintendent goes on to explain that he has allowed for this depressiug effect of over-assessment in fixing the pitch of the revised assessment, the increase in which is less than that for Kapadvaij.
26. The Collector sees nothing to object to in tbe grouping of the villages under the circumstances explained in paragraph 16, bat he doubts whether any increase in the pitch of assessment is called for in reference to permanent considerations. He is, on the contrary, inclned to the opinion that a reduction in the maximum rates might have been made without needlessly sacrificing revenue.
27. The Collector is not prepared without further information before him than is contained in the Superintendent's report and in the statements to propose a reduction, nor is there time now for a discussion of the settlements to be introduced this season. He wonld therefore suggest that the experimental introduction of the settlement be sanctioned for this year, and that on the report of the Superintendent of the effects of the settlement the suitability of the rates be further considered.
28. The information furnished by the Superintendent as regards the rice and garden lands in Kapadvanj and Thasra an'd the plans of assessing them is meagre. It is explained in paragraph 18 that the rice water-rates bave as a general rule been calculated at a maximum of Re. 1-0-0 less than the maxımum dry-crop rate of the villages to which the ruce lands belong; that there is little garden cultivation under permanent wells which, where they are met with, are very deep and the water-supply scanty, and that for" this reason he has imposed a slight "kassar" in addition to the dry-crop rate. The lands irrigated by dhekuries in the Sherri river in the Thasra District will, if the proposal be approved, be assessed at a hght permanent water-rate in addition to the dry-crop rate.
29. If the Revenue Commissioner approve of the rates proposed for the Thasra District, the Collector would beg to saggest that the Revenue Commissioner commanicate his sanction to their introduction by telegraph, in order that no further time may be lost in proceeding with the calculations.
30. Proposals for the settlement of assessment of the Baragam Malekee villages of Thasra will be submitted hereafter by the Superintendent.
(Signed) J. W. HADOW,
Collector, Kaira.
15th April 1886
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From Bassein through Bombay, to Kapadranj; from the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., to Captain l'rescott.-Monday, 25th. Go on calculating the rates.

No. 544 of. 1864.
From
Captain C. J. PRESCOTT,
Superintendent, Revenue Survey
and Assessment, Gujarát ;

To
E. P. HOBERTSON, ESQUIRE,

Acting Collector of Kaira.

> Offce of the Superintendent, Gujarát Revenue Survey. Surat, 21st November 1864.

## Sir,

In March last I had the honour of submitting for the sanction of the Revenue Com-

With English map and vernacular statements in separate case.
Superintendent Revenue Survey to Collector of Karra, No. 166-A of 23rd March 1864.
Kaira, No. 160-A oi 23r, N. D., to Collector of Kaira, No. 1252 of 27 th April 1864. missioner, N. D., the rates of assessment (revised according to the principles of the survey) I considered suitable for the Kapadvanj Táluka of your Collectorate, which, having been approved by the Honourable Mr. Ellis, were introduced last hot weather, and I now do myself the honour of laying before you the financial results of the settlement.
2. My late Assistant, Mr. Harrington Bulkley, who superintended the classification of this district, and is intimately acquainted with every part of it, favoured me with a very full and comprehensive report, which I have the honour of appending, and to which I need add very Fittle.
3. The Kapadvanj Taluka is contained within an irregular oblong figure about 22 miles long from north to south, and 28 broad from east to west. It is bounded on the north by the Atarsumba Tappa of His Highness the Gáikwád and portions of Mahi Kántha territory, on the east by the Bálásinor estate, on the south by Mahudha, and on the west by the Daskroi Táluka of the Ahmedabad Collectorate. It contains in all 76 villages, 68 of which are khálsa, 6 alienated, and 2 "udhad jamabandi. ${ }^{\text {" }}$
4. The details of the superficial area of the Government villages are as follows :


The gross area of the Government villages is, as nearly as possible, 214 square miles.
5. The Mohur river runs through this taluka from north to south, dividing it very Rivers. nearly equally in the centre. The Watrak river passes through a few western villages; but there are no other streams of any importance, and with the exception of a few small tributaries to the Mohur, which here and there intersect the country, Kapadvanj is almost without nalas of any kind.

The water of the Mohur, like several other minor rivers of Gujarat, is what the natives call "chopdi," and although used for domestic purposes, is not considered wholesome to drink or fit for irrigational purposes, although it is used occasionally to water wheat.
6. Every part of this taluka presents a parklike appearance, most agreeable to lookupon, and around Kapadvanjitself, where there are a few low hills falling off into gentle undulations, it is truly beautiful. Far as the eye can reach in every direction noble mango, lim, tamarind, raen, mowra, and baniyan trees are everywhere dispersed over the landscape, the varied hues of which make a most delightful and pleasing picture, and show the strength and richness of tho productive soil in which they flourish.
7. The climate is almost precisely like that of the neighbouring táluka of Daskroi; Climate. but Kapadvanj is decidedly mach the cooler in the hot month. distributed over the whole district that rain averages about 25 inches, and trees are so fairly in all probability pretty uniform.
8. The new road from Central $\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{y}}$ dia via Sintoi after crossing the river Mohar, Roads near the town of Kapadvanj, runs throagh the district, which place Kapadvanj in direct communication with Bombay and all the principal towns of Gujarat Mahudha Report. via the Nadiad Railway Station, and I have pointed out in a forvia
mef report that a bridge over the Sedhi necessary to keep up an uninterrapted communication. There is no work more argently required in the whole of Gujarat than this bridge, excepting only the bridge over the Sábarmati at Ahmedabad.
9. All the other roads in 'the district are mere tracks, and some of them as bad as a road can be, running as they do through a deep sandy soil, trying to man and beast, and destructive to wheeled vehicles of any kind.
10. The town of Kapadranjis famous for its trade, and contains a population of enterThe town of Kapadvanj. Nrizing bankers and general dealers second only to those of Nadiad in wealth and respectability. A large number of the "Borah" commanity reside in this town, and add mach to its importance. The "Borahs" are the most enlightened and persevering people I have met with in the Kaira Collectorate, and will do a great deal for this part of the coontry as soon as there is opan communication with all parts of the Presidency. Their houses are most substantial and excellent, and models of cleanliness and order. The "Borahs" are largely engaged in the soap and glass trade, for which their town is famous, the manufacture of these articles being greatly facilitated by the proximity of an alkaline matter, which is deposited, in vast quantities in many parts of this pargana, making the ground unfit for cultivation, or seriously deteriorating the crops when it appears in cultivated soil. A glass house in this town, the property of a coparcenary of Hindus, manufactures vast quantities of bangles and other articles. The process is well explained in Mr. Bulkley's report.
-11. The town of Kapadvanj contains a popalation of 14,202 inhabitants, which has

Government Resolution No. 3970 Government Resolution No. 3970
of the 13th of October 1864, received with the Revenue Commissioner, N. D. s endorsement
the 18 th idem. increased 14 per cent in ten years. A large proportion belong to the trading classes. The town is now so densely crowded that means are about to be taken to relieve the plethora by setting apart a large plot of ground on the south side thora by setting apart a large ple town as a building sits, which will be disposed of on very reasonable terms to all requiring house room. The trade of Kapadvanj is, I am informed, increasing largely daily. Kafilase take this road en roate to Ahmedabad from Central lantitios during the entire fair season immense caravans halt here regulally. Large latzities of tobacco grown in Nadiád, Petlád, Borsad, come to the merchants here for
nsmission to Málwa and Márwád, and it wonld appear that piece-goods, hardware nsmission to Málwa and Marwad, and it wonld appear that piece-goods, hardware, untry manufactured cotton saris, silk sáris, and turbans, soap, glass bangles, and many tucles of domestic utility are very largely exported from this flourishing towa to the Gaekid's territories, the Mahi Kántha, the Panch Maháls, the Bálásinor country and Central dia. In 1861-62, the value of the moports and exports of this district was :

|  |  |  |  |  | Rs. <br>  <br>  <br> Imports |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\ldots .$. | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots 3,02,850$ |
| Exports | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\ldots$ | $\cdots$ | $\ldots 2,54,200$ |

12. The soil is like that of Daskroi in Ahmedabad and the adjoining táluka of Soil. Mahudha, a sandy " goradu," requiring constant manure, but always the Kapadvanj villages the texture of this soil is particularly fine and rich in monld, in others sand predominates and makes it less retentive of moisture, and consequently less fertile, but on the whole, it is an improvable district and will flourish under the Survey Settlement, as it is. bounded on three sides by foreign territory, the inhabitants of which will gladly take up all the waste land they can get in neighbouring British villages.
13. Like Mahudha, Kapadvanj contains a fair proportion of the soil called mál, which Mal. is described fully in the Mahudha report, to Yhich it is unnecessary for me to add anything here. The wh, soon be under the plough. lowly classed and moderately assessed, and will, it is to be hoped, soon be under the plough.

- 14. The rice soil of this taluka is similar in all respects to that found in the neigh-

Bice : Mahudha Report. bouring taluka, Mahudha, which has been describ.
15. The products of the Kapadvanj Taluka are almost precisely similar to those of the district of Prantiji in Ahmedabad, which are which may be added the district of Prantijla
the report on the settlement of that taluka, to which may be a fruit
bearing an acid fres of "rozell," the shrub bearing a fruit-flower known by the whin produces oil.
suitable for preserving, and containing a seed which
suitable for pre
16. Besides the town of Kapadvanj itself; thero are in this táluka several good bazars, the best being at the villages of Antroli, Bhatera, Kutlall, Markets. Untesar, and Koshum. In a short time this district will be Untesar, connected with the railway
all the markets and ports of Gujarát.
17. Although the population of this district has been given in my former report, some further statistics on such an interesting subject may prove

Population, No. 166A of 23 rd March 1864. useful. The entire population numbers 61,780 souls or about 290 to the square mile. Of these the number of male heads of families


From this it will be observed that the Kolis form rather more than a third of the whole population. Of the 18,638 heads of houses, 11,319 belong to the agricultural classes, 3,866 are traders and artificers, and the remainder belong to various denominations of wild, wandering, and unsettled classes, and those who get a living by unskilled labour. The figures of the census bring to notice one interesting fact connected with this district, the large preponderance of females over males. It is generally admitted that whenever a true census can be taken, the females will be found to preponderate in a proportion of a little over one per cent. In India, however, this is seldom the case, and as far as my inquiries have extended, the invariable opinion seems to be that the number of males is at least one-tenth greater than that of the females. Now in the district under report, there are 20,031 adult females against 18,638 adult males, or 7 per cent more women than men.
18. As the population of this district has increased 16 per cent in ten years and increased proportionally in prosperity, it is probable that the Kolis (who practise polygamy) have married wives from neighbouring districts.
19. There are 14,478 cattle used for agricultural purposes and 29,031 cows and other cattle used for other than agricultural purposes, which gives about 208 horned cattle to the square mile, and on an average nearly four to each agricultural family.

The number of carts are 2,191, or a little over ten to the square mile, or one cart to about every five families.

The ploughs number 7,050, which shows about 33 to the square mile, and on the average not nearly one plough to each agricultural family, proving beyond a doutt that members of the agricultural Kolis are very poor people indeed, and must club together before they can cultivate at all. As the year previous to the settlement 42,623 acres of Government and 25,703 acres of alienated land were in cultivation in Kapadvanj, the capabilities of each agricultural family seems to be on the average about 6 acres of land and of each plough about $9 \frac{1}{2}$ acres.

As shown above, 14,478 horned cattle are used exclusively for agricultural purposes, which gives a little over 2 per each plough, and nearly 7 per each cart.
20. Notwithstanding that many of the cultivating classes are undoubtedly poor and thriftless, I have shown that the increase in cultivation in. Kapadvanj has been very great indeed, amounting to no less than 71 per cent in twenty years.
21. Unless the corresponding increase in neighbouring districts is put in juxtaposition, it is almost impossible to judge how very rapid the progress of Kapadvanj has been:

| In Daskrci in 32 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Matar in 23 years | $\Rightarrow$ | \% | 1470 |  |
| Mahudha in 20 years | 3 | \% | 17.31 | " |
| Thasra in 20 years | 3 | \# | 34.0 | " |
| Kapadvanj in 20 years | 3 | ! | 71.0 | 9 |

22. The cause of this great increase is attributable to the "low rates of assessment which have prevailed in this district as compared with others; as for example, in the neighbouring district of I'hísra, where the average rate was Rs, 3-0-9 against Rs. I 13-1 in Kapadvanj.
23. The increased prosperity of Kapadvanj, and facilities it now has for taking all its surplus produce to the railway, fully justify the very slight rise in the pitch of the assessment caused by the survey reyision.
24. The maximum rates sanctioned by the Revenue Commissioner, Northern Division, have been strictly adhered to except in the case of Bhutia, a very poor village, having no
resident population, possessing resident population, possessing no advantages, and which hitherto has paid an average rate
of about 8 annas only.

The maximum of this village was reduced, after due consideration, from Rs. 1.8 to Re. 1, no reduction being made for distance, which brings down the average from 12.3 annas
to 8.2 annas an acre.
The following statement (marked I) gives the total assessment at survey rates of all
descriptions of land :

## Statement No. I.



The following statement (marked II) is an abstract of the "Vasul Báki Patraks" of the different villages, from which you will see the total difference between the revenue of the district under the former and that according to the Survey system :

Statement No. II.

25. Some explanation regarding a few items entered in these statements is necessary.
26. There is discrepancy between the total assessment of caltivated Government lands in 1863-64, as shown in column 3 of Statement No. II. and that No. 166-4 of 23xd March 1864, in $1863-64$ as shown in column 3 of Statement No. II, and that $1862-63$ in the diagram accompanying the prelimiwhile in the latter it is Rs. 75,342 . In the prict. In the former its entered as Rs. 72,844, whinests of the kind are deducted and shown present statement cesses, swadeeos, and other In the report alluded to these items are included a separate heading (columns 11 and 18). ment land according to the old system.
27. It will be observed that the amount of quit-rents on alienated land. is reduced by the Survey Rs. 1,705-10-6 (column 13). The principal reduction is upon "kumal-dur" lands, the whole of which have been reduced by the Surveg. It is remarkable that the "salámi" rates on aliengted land were often much heavier under the old system than the Government bigoti on similar land.
28. The items entered in black figures in columns $11,12,14,15,18,19$, and 20 te. of

Superntendent's endorsement to the Collector of Kama, No. 289 report.

Statement No. II. refer to the village of Surrali, in which the settlement was introduced only as far as the small quantity of Government land is concerned, the Thákore and poople being informed "that the settlement of alienated lands must be postponed till the orders of Government are received, and that sanads would consequently not be issued till next year." The Mámlatdar was directed to levy the quit-rents and cesses this year according to the late system, on which account the items are entered in black figures, as explained above. Orders regarding this village, in reply to the report named above in the margin, are respectfully requested.
29. In my letter No. 166A of the 23rd of March last, I stated that the actual figures
Government land. $\begin{aligned} & \text { Would in all probability fall short of the estimate by about } 6 \\ & \text { per cent on account of the reduction for distance made in }\end{aligned}$ per cent on account of the reduction for distance made in working out the assessment of fields. - The actual assessment is Rs. $1,16,482-0-2$ against Rs. $1,24,028$ (the estimated figures), so that the estimate was, as nearly as possible, correct.
30. As it is impossible to discover how much of the (petá-pudtar) culturable waste within the limits of survey numbers may be caltivated in the year of settlement till after the measurement of the cultivated and culturable waste shares shall have been completed, the estimate we make of actual cultivation is based on the area recorded as such in the registers, which of course includes a great deal of "peta-pudtar," which may or may not be cultivated in the year of settlement, and this is more especially the case in a táluka like Kapadvanj, where the cultivation was under the old system very desultory.
31. The assessment on the area actually under cultivation has been raised from Rs. 72,844 to Rs. 73,700 , which shows an increase of 1 per cent only; but the net increase caused by the settlement, including the waste portions of cultivated revenue survey numbers, amounts to Rs. 27,509 or 38 per cent.
32. There is only one description of garden land in Kapadranj, viz. "kuetar" or Garden lands. well-watered, the "dhekudiat" or river-watered being so very trifing as not to warrant our imposing a separate water rate. A bág rate has been fixed in the few cases where a "koss" is used. When the jamábandi was in progress, it became apparent to me that the "bagayyat kassar" had been pitched too low in the villages of Antroli, Torna, Kutlal, and the "kasbs". itself, and I beg permission to be allowed to raise the rate to one-half as much again as it is at present.
33. It is at all times a difficult and delicate matter to assess wells which partake very much of the nature of private property, more particularly in a tálaka like Kapadvanj, where it is most desirable that the extension of this kind of cultivation shonld be encoaraged as much as possible.
34. I take this opportunity of noticing that the taluka under report is on the whole very badly off for water, and think that the attention of the Executive Engineer at Karra might well be drawn to the subject with a view to the erection of "bandháras" at favourable places in the very few small streams which cross the taluka from east to west. There is a small stream at the village of Bhattera, six miles south of Kapadvanj, which might be banded at little expense, and from which a moderate area of rice might be irrigated. This would be a remunerative as well as \& useful work.
35. With the exception of the small decrease in the amount of quit-rents noticed in

Alienated lands : Revenue Commissioner, N. D.,to Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Nos, 612-A and 707.A of 1863, and to Government,
Nos. $1084-\mathrm{A}$ and 1952-A of 1864. paragraph of this letter, consequent on the commutation of fluctuating "salámis" and "swadeeos" into fixed payments, the settlement of imposts affecting alienated land do not differ mutatis mutandis from those made in the late Mátar Pargana, which received the approval of the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., and Government in the correspondence noted marginally.

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36. The water rate on rice land has been calculated as a general rule one rupee lower Assessment of rice lands. than the maximum dry-crop rate of the village; that is to say, lowest 12 annas. As the rice grown in Kapadvanj is almost entirely watered by rain only, the classification (of water) is low. The average rate of soil and water combined. is Rs. 2-13-2, which is very thoderate.
37. Average rates are, with the exception of the "bagayat," very satisfactory, that The average rates of the táluka. $\quad \begin{aligned} & \text { on dry crop being Rs. } 1-4-1 \text {, on bagayat Rs. } 2-13-2 \text {, and on all descriptions of land Rs. } 1-8-5 \text {, on rice } \\ & \text { Rs. }\end{aligned}$
38. The present average rate of the "bagatyat kassar" (which I have recommended to be increased by one-half) is about Rs. 1-3-7 per acre, so that the new average bagayat rate after pulling up the "kassar" will be (soil and well combined) Rs. 3-13-5, which is moderate enough.
39. On the other side is a table showing the result of the test of both measurement and classification in this táluka.

40. The measurement was carried on in the years 1859-60 and 1861، 62 by Messrs. Jordon and DeSouza, and the classification by Mr. Harrington Bulkley in the season $1861-62$.
41. The average difference between measurement and test was found to be $\frac{16}{40}$ of an acre, and between classification and test 8.84 pies on soil and 7.05 pies on water.
42. The classification was particularly well done, and reflects great credit on Mr. Harrington Bulkiey, who so actively supervised the field work that it was impossible for the classers to lose their standard, and thus pull up the value of inferior soils to a too close approximation to the superior.
43. I must apologise for the delay in transmitting both this report and that of Thasra: but a press of work both in my own office and Mr. Pedder's prevented my having an opportunity of examining the figures after they had been submitted by the respective Mámlatdárs till very lately, after which the Kapadvanj papers had to be returned for correction.

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

No. 1334.

From
E. Pr ROBERTSON, Esquire,

Acting Collector of Kairt
To
The Honourable B. H. ELLIS,
Revenue Commtssioner, N. D.

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\text { Kaira Collector's Office, Zoth December } 1864 .
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## SIR,

I have the honour to submit a report, No. 544 , dated 21st November, from Captain Prescott, Superintendent, Revenue Survey, exhibit-

Kapadrany Revised Jamabandi Settlement. Kapadvanj Revised Jamabanda forwardedia separate casés. ing the financial results of the first Jamabandi Settlement of Kapadpanj Táluka under the revised rates.
2. A report (No. 7, dated 24th Novémber) from Mr. Harrington Bulkley on the general nature of the district and its classification is also submitted.
. 3. Mr. Hadow in his report No. 392, dated 15th April 1864, expressed his views that the rates imposed were too high, and observed that allowance should be made in cases where the population were Kunbis or Kolis.
4. In your letter No. 1252, dated 27 th April last, you expressed your opinion that you did not consider there was any reason to apprehend that the rates would be found too heavy, and that the Superintendent, Revenue Survey, had taken great care to consider how far the prosperity and capabilities of each village are affected by the general character of the Koli cultivators hitherto paring a lower rate.
5. It will be seen from the report now forwarded that there was no reason for apprehension. Captain Prescott in paragraph 31 obsenees: "The assessment on the area actually under cultivation has been raised from Rs. 72,844 to Rs. 73,700 , which shows an increase of 1 per cent only, but the net increase caused by the settlement, including the waste portions of cultivated Revenue Survey numbers, amounts to Rs. 27,509 or 38 per cent."
6. From paragraph 32 it will be observed that the Superintendent has fixed a bag rate in the few cases where a " koss" is used for "dhekndiat "irrigation. This appears to me-objectionable. It would have been better even in these few cases to have laid a light extra assessment on the land, or to have levied nothing whatever, and have thus done with the question once and for ever. This I trust may be even now done
7. The assessment on rice lands, as explained in paraǵraph 36 , is light and equitable and appears to meet the views expressed in. paragraphs 7 and 8 of jour lotter No. 1252 ,
8. The increase in the bagáyat kassur, as explained in
enough and should, I think, be adopted.
9. In paragraph 8, Captain Presco

Kapadvanj with the rail to the great necessity for connecting allotment of Rs. 30,000 having the river Sedhi. Both these objects are in due progresge over Sedhi during the current year, surven made to commence the work of a bridess. The Sedhi during the current year, survey plan and estimate of a road from of a bridge over the

Kapadvanj have also been prepared*and submitted for approval.
10. The question of irrigation mooted mitted for approval.
great importance, and I I wrould the Executive Engineer should suggest that the attention of should be required to report upon the capabilities of thenstream nealled to this, and that he
11. Mr. Bulkley in his report dwells consideratream near Bhattera for irrigation.
 river Mohur.
dyeing trade at Kapadrably upon the extent to which the of the river Mohur. I am destroys and pollutes the water portance upon this. I am not inclined to place much im-- Kapadvanj may -be rendered unfit for drinking but the water in the immediate vicinity of terious as to have any possible effect upon cultivation.

I have the bonour, \&c.,
(Sigred) E. P. ROBERTSON,
Acting Collector.
No. 778 or 1865.

## Revenue Dracattignt.

To The SECHETARYं to GOVERNMENT, Bombay.

- Camp Nadiäd, 10th March 1865. Sir,

I have the honour to submit Captain Prescott's

No. 545,* without date, and No, 544, dated 2lst November 1864, with accompaniment in
orginal. ports as per margin, on the revision of the land reports as per margin, on the revision of the land
assessment of the talukas of Kapadvanj amd Thasra in the Kaira Collectorate.
2. It will be noticed that in these districts, as in those of Mahudha and Mehmadabad settled last year, it has been necessary to consider (in grouping villages similarly circumstanced in other respects) the difference in the agricultural skill and agricultural resources of the two classes of Kunbi 21st December 1864, are also forwarded in and Koli cultivators. Villages inhabited by these two classes cannot be put on a onginal. K with respect to assessment without either sacrificing the Government revenue or discouraging the less civilised and improvident tribe of Kolis from the pursuit of agriculture.
3. The rates proposed for Kapadvanj were personally discussed by me with Captain Prescott and Mr. Pedder in my tour of the season of 1863-64, and my original impression that the rates were light enough has been confirmed by the Superintendent's report giving the financial results of the settlement after its introduction. The increase in the assessment on the area actually under cultivation is only one per cent; but when the waste portions included in cultivated survey numbers are taken into acconnt, the net increase caused by the settlement amounts to 38 per cent. And considering the present prices of agricaltural produce and the steadily progressive prosperity of the district, as shown by the interesting statistics given by Captain Prescott, this increase cannot be deemed great. It must also be remembered that Kapadvanj has hitherto been one of the most lightly assessed districts.
4. The rates provisionally sanctioned by me have been adhered to except in the case

See Captain Prescott's 24th paragraph. of the village of Bhutia, where the maximum has been reof the village, the Superintendent has exercised a-wise discretion in making the reduction.
5. I have already issued orders about the village of Surrali referred to in Captain Prescott's 28th paragraph. :
6. Captain Prescott has fixed a water tbag rate on- what are called "dhekudiat" or Paragraph 32. river-watered lands. I do not approve of this nuctuating and been tried, and there is no reason to suppose that it will succeed better in Kapadvanj than in other places. It would be better to place a light extra assessment as on the land under the wells, and this portion of the settlement should be revised
7. I concur with Captain Prescott in thinking that the bagayat kassar has been pitched too low in some of the villages of Kapadvanj, and the Paragraph 32. Superintendent will be instructed to raise it to the extent he proposes.
8. The subject-matter of Captain Prescott's 34th paragraph I have referred for the Irrigation. report of Colonel Bell, and the necessary steps will be taken-on the receipt of his reply.
9. I may state that a bridge over the river Sedhi, the necessity of which Captain Prescott points out in paragraph 8 , is about to be made. I regret, however, that there is no immediate prospect of the construction of a bridge over the Sábarmatti, the most important public work required in Gujarát.
10. The Thásra Táluka contains in all 80 villages, of which 58 are khálsa or Government villuges and 27 malleki villages in which Malleks of Thåsra have a share (called "vujey") in the revenues. The Survey Settlement has not yet been introduced into the latter villages, bute a report, with proposals for their settlement, has been submitted, and is at present under consideration. These villages will form the subject of a separate report to Government
11. It will be perceived from the information given in the Superintendent's report that Thasra has made less rapid progress than Kapadvanj, and this is attributed to the high rates of assessment which hitherto obtained in the district. Consequently the new survey rates show a less increase than in Kapadvanj; the net increase, inclusive of the assessment on waste portions in cultivated numbers, being 20 per cent against 38 in Kapad. vanj.
12. When the rates for Thásra were proposed last year by the Superintendent, I sanctioned their introduction experimentally. I was at the time somewhat apprehensive that the assessment was rather high on the water assessment on rice lands in some of the villages, and I requested the Superintendent to consider whether a lower scale might not be adopted. But the report now submitted shows that the rates are not too high. The Superintendent states that during the settlement there were no complaints of the rice lands being unduly rated.
13. The rates originally proposed have been adhered to in all cases except in the village of $\$$ Budwasun, where, for the reasons stated in paragraph 37, the maximum dry* crop rate has been raised to Rs. 3 from Rs. 2-12. This may be approved.
14. Here too, as in Kapadvanj, the bágáyat rate has been found from experience to have been pitched too low in some of the villages, and I have approved of Captain Pres. cott's proposal in paragraph 35 to raise it by one-half. Generally, the bagáyat assessment is light enough to encourage this kind of cultivation, which is very scanty in Th's.sra.
15. In paragraphs 41, 42, and 43, Captain Prescott refers to the subject af "Warra" or "Talia" lands. The rule quoted by the Superintendent is inapplicable to the state of things in these districts, and as the amount of revenue involved is little, and the dissatisfaction caused by the rule great, I took upon myself to sanction a deviation from it to the extent mentioned by the Superintendent. The limit of one acre now laid down is fair, and I request the sanction of Government to the adoption in Gujarat of the rule proposed by Captain Prescott.
16. The subject-matter of paragraphs 9 to 71 has been referred for the opinion of Colonel Bell, and if he approve of the suggestions, a portion of the money recently sanc. tioned for famine works might at once be applied to this object.
17. I now request the sanction of Government to the rates being guaranteed in Ka. padvanj and Thasra, the period of guarantee to expire with that fixed for Mehmadabad and Mahudha. The settlements of the other districts of Kaira will be guaranteed in the same way, so that the whole of the settlements may come under revision simultaneously,
18. 'The anna cess for roads and education has been levied under the new settlement.
$\mp$ have the honour, \&c.,
(Sigyed) B. H. ELLIS,
Revenue Cqmmişioner, N. D,

In my letter No. 778 of the 10 th instant, I have requested Government to give the sual guarantee for the rates fixed by the Survey for Kapadvanj. I have, however, to equest that an exception be made in regard to a garden called Sardar Bag of three acres in xtent, within the walls of Kapadvanj.
2. This ground, which belongs to Government, was let on 2 ten years' lease at a noinal rent, on condition of the lessee keeping it up as a garden. The lessee has failed in is engagements, and I propose to enforce the terms of the lease by placing on the ground very heavy assessment. There is no reason why the lessee, who has broken the terms of is agreement, should be permitted to obtain the benefits of the Survey Settlement, which is accidental occupation of the land would give him if the survey rates were guaranteed , him.
3. In the event of the occupancy being eventually sold, I would suggest that the salisations in excess of the Government assessment be placed at the disposal of the Munipality for improving the roads of the town, the garden being within municipal limits.

> I have the honoar to be, \&c.,
(Signed) B. H. ELLIS,
Revenue Commissioner, N. D.

## 'Revonue Su'vey and Assessment.

No. 2633.

## Revende Departmentr.

Bombay Castle, 21st June 1865.
Letter from the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., No. 778, dated 16th March 1865-Submitting reports by the Superintendent, Revenue Survey and Assessment, Gujarat, on the revision of the land assessment of the tálukas of Kapadvanj and Thásra in the Kaira Collectorate.
Further letter from the Revenue Commissioner, N. D., No. 826, dated 18th March 1865-Stating that in his letter above quoted he has solucited Government to give the usual guarantee for the rates fixed by the Survey for Kapadvanj, and "requesting that an exception be made in regard to a.garden called Sardár Bág within the walls of Kapadvanj.
Resolution.-The Governor in Council is pleased to sanction the proposed settlement of Kapadvanj and Thasra, subject to the modifications recommended by the Revenue Commissioner, and to guarantee the rates for the period already fixed in the cases of Mehmadabad and Mahudha.
2. Extension of the limit from a quarter to one acre surrounding dwelling houses in the villages of these talukas to be held free of charge is sanctioned.
3. Paragraphs 8,9 , and 16 of the Revenue Commissioner's 'letter, with accompaniments, should be communicated to the Public Works Department of the Secretariat.

> (Signed) F. S. CHAPMAN, Chief Secretary to Government.

To
The Revenue Commissioner, N. D.
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat.

# 44 <br> No. $1290{ }^{\text {of }} \mathrm{f} 1895$. 

From

W. DODERET, Esq., I. O. S., Collector of Kaira;

To

G. B. REID, Esq., I.C. S.,<br>Commissioner, N.D.

Kaira, 20th April 1895.
Sir,
I have the honour to forward letter No. 384 of 2nd April 1895 from the Deputy Superintendent, Gujarát Survey, together with the usual appendices and accompaniments. The letter contains proposals for the resettlement of the Kapadvanj Táluka on the expiration of the current 30 years' guarantee.
2. At the outset the task of reviewing the proposals from a revenue officer's point of view is made difficult by Mr. Fernandez's contention, which he has set forth at considerable length, that the classification of the mál lands; which lie chiefly in the eastern portion of the táluka, has not been effected on a relatively equitable basis when compared with that of the goradu lands in the west of the táluka. I have been at some pains to endeavour to find grounds to eritically expose the fallacies which I am persuaded underlie the whole of Mr. Fernandez's argument, and after much consideration I think I have discovered at least a few points which tell against his theory. If I-one of the "uninitiated"-should fail to establish my views, my obvious excuse must be my imperfect acquaintance with the system of classification of soils in Gujarat.
3. I say, then, that a fallacy underlies Mr. Fernandez's argument for the following reasons:-
(a) The classification of the 'mál' lands was actually kept low in relation to the classification of goradu lands.
(b) The alleged superiority of goradu lands in Kapadvanj over mal lands is questionable.
(c) No system of classification that I have ever heard of, concerns itself about what is below the depth to which classers are told to dig.
(d) A comparison of average dry-crop classification annas where different classes of soils are concerned possessing different faults is inherently fallacious and misleading.
(e) It-is an acknowledged principle of survey grouping to allow for relative infertility of large tracts of country by low maximum rates. I hope to establish my points seriatim.
4. In support of (a), I woutd beg to refer you to the following extracts from correspondence concerning the Kaira settlements contained in the printed volume "The classification of the waste mál land is low "-Prescott to Collector, para. 11 of No. 561 of 1863. Again he says in para. 13 of No. 544 of 1864 : "The whole of this land has been lowly classed and moderately assessed." Para. 42 of ditto is as follows :-
"The classification was so actively supervised as to prevent the classers pulling up the value of inferior soils to a too close approximation to the superior."
5. With reference to (b), in paragraph 5 of Mr. Bulkley's report No. 63 of 1863 it is stated as follows:-
"Goradu soil in Kapadvanj is coarse and friable, and by no means so fine as the same description of soịl in Mátar, Dholka and Daskroi."

Again in paragraph 8 of the same report he says:-
"The change made in the old scale will have a most beneficial effect and render the assessment of the superior and inferior orders of soil proportionately equitable."

It is clear from all this that the relạtive values of the best gorádu and bes mall lands were considered, and that reasons existed for depressing the "goradu' soils of Kapadvanj, while apparently no such reason was found in the case of the best mál lands, which were as good lands as any, if treated as mál lands, as could be found anywhere. Hence gorádu started at 15 annas and mál at 16 annas.
6. As regards (c), Mr. Fernandez himself furnishes the proof, and he says that the impervious substratum of lime lies below the depth reached by classers under the rules. Classification deals with the upper strata of soils, and curious results would be obtained if low-lying strata were allowed to enter into the consideration of crop-bearing capabilities of the upper strata. Besides, I believe it is a fact that the impervious substratum underlies gorádu soil where it is mixed with mál, and any system which would require that mál lands be picked out from the adjoining goradu, which latter must be affected by the substratum of lime operating to reduce the fertility of the upper strata, would be both ${ }^{\text {F }}$ unsound theoretically, and expensive and difficult to work in practice.
7. As regards ( $d$ ), I think the point has only to be stated to be admitted. What may be a fault in one kind of soil may be left out of consideration in dealing with another kind of soil, and it is quite possible for poor kinds of soil to possess fewer 'faults' than better kinds. This would tend to keep the classification annas of the former higher in comparison with the latter, and hence obviously any conclusions drawn from the differences between the average classification annas of the two kinds of soil would not necessarily prove that the initial rating of the soils was relatively erroneous.
8. As regards (e), I need only cite a case from a district with which I am familiar-Ratnágiri. Take the settlement report of the Devgad Taluka and see how consciously or unconsciously the comparative fertility of the rice lands on the coast has tended to keep the maximum rates in that part of the taluka high, while the inland 'Varkas' land as growing only nachni and the coarser millets, such as vari and harik, is given low maximum rates. And, again, the 'varkas' of the tract underlying the Sahyádris is given a higher maximum rate, because it is more capable of being' turned into rice land than the 'varkas' in the more billy villages of the centre of the táluka.
9. I am strengthened in the view I have here adopted by the fact, that competent Survey officers have decided to accept the classification of mál lands as correct, as will appear from the Thásra report; but as Mr. Fernandez has chosen to challenge the correctness of the classitication, and as its effect on the grouping must be borne in mind, I have thought it necessary to come to some conclusion on the subject myself before proceeding with the consideration of the question of grouping. In passing, I may invite attention to the fact that noWhere can I find authority for Mr. Fernandez's statement that Captain Prescott groups. The patchy state of the map is due to the fact that the circumstance of-some villages peing inhabited by a backward population was allowed for in fixing maximum rates. This is very clear from a perusal of the correspondence which then took place.
10. I will now proceed with the question of enhancement on general considerations. From a careful study of Appendix N, I think it is clear that a moderate enhancement of prices has occurred since the last settlement, if the years of very high prices about the period of the American war be eliminated from the calculation. It does not seem that the latter were taken into consideration at the time of the settlement, as they were rightly expected not to last. This is evident from the fact that the assessment on the area actually under cultivation was raised one per cent. only. Waste portions of cultivated survey numbers were included in the numbers and assessed, and the rise on this account was 37 per cent. On the other hand, when the question of improved communications comes to be dealt with, it should be pointed out that the road from Kapadvanj to Nadiád is several times alluded to in the settlement reports of 1864, and that measures were then in progress to make it more passable to traffic. Even at this date there is a stretch of 5 or 6 miles between Mahudha and Kathlál which is very heavy-going and has not been metalled. It is, therefore, evident
that this factor for a proposed enhancement of rates has more or less been already discounted at the time of the former settlement. It is different with the eastern villages of the centre of the talluka. They have been connected with Dákor by a fine metalled road, and at Dákor there is now a railway which did not exist in 1864. The táluka has, on the whole, then, made a steady moderate advance in prosperity, but it should not be forgotten that it is the poorest táluka of the district, both in point of fertility and character and resources of the population.
11. I will now proceed with a consideration of the groups and maximum rates. I have nothing much to say against Mr. Fernandez's-1st group, nor the maximum rate proposed, Rs. 3-4-0. The average increase in this class is 32.54 . I think it is about as high as it can be without pressing unduly on the cultivators. The villages are, however, the best in the taluka. I would have liked to have proposed a Rs. 3 rate for Fatiábad, Dásalwáda, Porda Bhátera, Páhád, Saráli and Pithái, as the individual increases in these villages are high and are not quite accounted for by the increase on account of new rice. But this would destroy the symmetry of the group, and I can find nothing to support the view that they are worse off than the other villages in the group for communications and general fertility. The only other alternative that I can think of would be to fix a maximum rate of Rs. 3, but as five of the twelve villages in the group have already a Rs. 3-4-0 rate, while one has a Rs. 3-8-0 rate, this course will probably not prove acceptable to Government. I am , therefore, reluctantly compelled to accept Mr. Fernandez's proposals in their entirety for this group.
12. As regards the 2 nd group, I think that the plan of having two maximum rates in one group is open to objection, and I am supported in my view by the orders of Government in the case of Mehmadabad. What I then propose is to retain 18 villages out of the 29 rated at Rs. 2-12-0 as Group II, and to make a third group of 11 villages rated at Rs. 2-8-0. This latter group. (III) would include the following villages :-

|  |  |  |  |  | Increase. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Dápat ... | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | 54.81 |
| Anára ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | $50 \cdot 96$ |
| Wághârat | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26.67 |
| Kosam... | ... | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | $47 \cdot 40$ |
| Singáli | $\cdots$ | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | 41.34 |
| Jalcia ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 37.75 |
| Thuchál | ... | ... | ... | ... | $48 \cdot 48$ |
| Jagdupur | ... | $\ldots$ | ... | ... | $52 \cdot 20$ |
| Khánpur | ... | ... | ... | ... | $59 \cdot 40$ |
| Sultanpur | ... | ... | ... | ... | 28.01 |
| Taibpur | ... | '.. | ... | ... | 46.54 |

All except the first two lie in a compact block in the north of the táluka, and are not so favourably situated as regards markets as the villages in the Rs. $2-12-0$ or 2 nd group. The 13 villages of Mr. Fernandez's 2nd class rated at Rs. 2-4-0 I would amalgamate with Mr. Fernandez's 11 villages of class III rated at Rs. 2-4-0 and make them into a 4th class. They would form 2 blocks, one quite compact in the north-west of the taluka and the other fairly compact in the east centre of the talluka. The increases in Laxmanpura, Ladvel and Kathana ( 48 to 50 ) are justified on general considerations. The 5 villages in the north-east of the táluka would become the 5th class at a maximum rate of Rus. 1-12-0, while the 6th class would consist of 8 villages at Rs. 1-8-0 and 1 specially reduced village Bhutia at Rs. 1-4-0. Mr. Fernandez anticipates an increase of 18 per cent. when the distance from the village scale is given effect to. I must leave it to the Survey Department to work out accurately the decrease caused by the creation of my Rs. 2-8-0 or 3rd Class, but I calculate that a reduction of about 3 per cent. will be caused thereby in the total increase for the táluka which will bring the general rise in assessment down to 15 per cent, which I think is not more than all the circumstances of the case warrant.
13. I certainly agree with Mr. Fernandez in his recommendation not to tax sub-soil water advantages in the mál villages, not because I think the soil classification is wrong, but because it is manifestly unfair to tax water having regard to the peculiar nature of mál lands with no proper underdrainage owing
to the impervious substratum of lime. I would also -remit the sub-soil water taxation in Pahad and Sarali, where no well kasar is levied under the current settlement, and in Fatiábad, Dàsalwada and Porda Bhátera, where the amounts are small and the total increase of assessment in the villages large,-a point I have alluded to in discussing the proposals for a maximum rate for class I in paragraph 11 of this letter. I would also remit it in the following villages:-

- Sorna, Dápat, Anára, Kosam, Singháli, Jaloia, Thuchál, Jagdupur, Khánpur, Taibpur, Kathána, Betáwáda, Kalaji and Apruji.
I do not myself consider that the reasons given in Mr. Fernandez's paragraph 73 justify the levy of the sub-soil water taxation in the villages 34 to 41 and 53 and 54. The great point is that the water is not used for agriculture. Otherwise we should find that there were numerous wells paying 'kasar' under the present system, whereas the amounts levied are either nil or trifling. The question whether the water might be useful in times of drought, seems to be doubtful, and the presence of salts would make it exceedingly unpalatable for drinking, and we do not tax it when used for the latter purpose, and it certainly would not save the crops if it is, as it is said to be, brackish.

14. As regards Wáda numbers, I do not think any change should be made in the area allowed under Government Resolution No. 2633, dated 21st June 1865. It will give rise to a deal of discontent to tax the balance of 75 per cent. after leaving it unassessed for 30 years, and it will be quite feasible tc alter the rule under Section 214 of the Land Revenue Code so far as the Kapadvanj Táluka is concerned.
15. The rights to the fruit trees in Sháhpura may be ceded to the occupants as proposed.
16. In conclusion, I would beg to recommend that the revised rates as proposed, with the modifications deferentially suggested by me, be introduced with effect from the revenue year 1895-96, and guaranteed for the usual term of 30 years.

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

W. DODERET, Collector of Kaira.

Through the Survey and Settlement Commissioner, Poona.

No. S-1121 or 1895.

From
E. C. OZANNE, Esquire,

Survey Commissioner and Directors Land Records and Agriculture ;

To
The SECRETARY to GOVERNMENT, Revente Department.

Poona, 4th May 1895.


#### Abstract

Sir, I have the honour to forward the proposals for the revision settlement of Kapadvanj drawn up by the Deputy Superintendent of the Gujarát Surver. This report follows closely on that for Thásra. To a certain extent ine question of mál land, which has occupied such a protso important as the kindred quesalso important in Kapadvanj; but it is not so incess of soluble salts, which impair tion of "usar" land, or land affected by an excess of soluble salt, when impai


its fertility. If my remarks deal largely with mal land, the reason will be that Mr. Fernandez has gone into detail here which would have been more appropriate in the Thásra report.
2. The extent of usar land is not great. In the opinion of Mr. Mollison, Superintendent of Farms, it is however on the increase, Usar land. It can ondy be detected when it covers the soil in the form of an efflorescence, or when it causes bare or poor patches in an otherwise even crop. The classers then, unless one or other indication is present, mutst pass over it without making due allowance in the field valuation. Bare patches due to excess salts are not' often evident in rain crops, because the rain washes the salt out, and it is impossible to class the land only at the particular seasonwhen there is a late crop standing. Again late crops, especially those following rice, are not grown annually, so that if a field is in fallow when the classer visits it, its defect cannot be discounted. Mr. Mollison believes that careful cultivation keeps down the salts, and that in the last 30 years, where it has increased most, the increase is in land cultivated by slovenly rayats. Taking all these facts into consideration, and also another that. where there is salt in one part of a village, it will very likely appear in another, I have not permitted any reclassification. I think it preferable to deal with tracts affected by usar by an allowance in the maximum rates. This allowance is over and above that given in the classification when the classer was able to detect the salt. If fields have deteriorated, or if the defect was unnoticed, or if in future the damage shows itself, it can only be dealt with on petition or by resignation. The latter is the easier remedy as the area of available assessed land is very large in those parts of Kapadvanj where usar is seen,

The glasis and soap industries at Kapadvanj are proof, if any were needed, of the existence of salt efflorescence.
3. As to mal land, I have shown the grounds on which I have refused to Mál land. allow even partial re-classification. I think that there is no doubt that Mr. Fernandez bases his oft-urged contention that he should be allowed to re-class, on three sets of figures-.
(a) The figures of the classification scale for gorádu and black soil applied to mál tracts which he stigmatizes as the "topsy turyy" scale.
(b) The small difference in the average classification annas for dry crop in the " mál" and usar villages on the one hand and the sweet gorádu villages on the other.
(c) The large increase in the area of occupied waste in certain villages, $i, e$. the mál and usar villages, since the date of the introduetion of original survey.
4. I have (Thásra report) shown that re-classification would not effect any Re-classification inadvisable. marked difference in the relative valuation of mál and gorádu, unless a special scale could be prescribed and used for mál similar to that for "tisáli kumri" in the Deccan or "varkas "in the Konkan. Reclassification under a special scale is precisely what Mr. Fernandez now contends for. The fatal cbjection is that " mál" cannot be distinguished by the eye, or by digging to the ordinary depth. Mr. Fernandez at the commencement of the correspondence on mál thought that it was always black soil, but the classers whom he sent out on the fruitless endeavour to pick out the mal numbers, have included a very large proportion of land of whioh the surface soil is goradu. Further, there is other evidence that the subsoil of calcareous mál underlies light as well as dark surface soils.
5. With respect to (b) I think the Deputy Superintendent has laid too much stress on his statement $Q^{(3)}$. All the old field books are lost, but for practical purposes the old "classification annas" deduced from the final survey records may be accepted as correct. There is a remarkable sameness in the anna valua. tion in the villages throughout the taluka, I have said that the classers could not give "faults" for "mal" and "usar," unless the lime sub-soil was less than 3 feet below the surface, and unlesa there was indication of the presence of salt.

The soil is almost always " full depth" in Gujarát. I have, however, found Old eclassification not some evidence that the old classification was not so excessive. some evidence that the old classification was not so incorrect as the Deputy Superintendentothinks. He rice, the old dry-crop classificelassed the soil in all old rice land, but in new rice, the old dry-crop classitication has been confirmed, with the addition of subsoil water, and position class annas. Now if the average soil classification is compared in good gorádu villages and in typical mál villages, it will be found that it is about 5 annas higher in the former. This shows that the old soil classification was not unduly high in the mál villages. For this comparison I have selected numbers 2, 3, 6, 11 and 12 as good villages and numbers 47, 48, 49, 72 and 75 as typical mál and usar villages. And I have eliminated sub-soil vater annas, and assumed that the position class annas in new rice are about 3 annas on the average. But a similar comparison can be made in mál villages. I select numbers 47 and 49 (Lasundra and Ladvel), which are the villages selected rightly by Mr. Fernandez, as typical mál and usar villages. In these the soil annas in old rice land have been found at 13 annas 3 pies and 12 annas 3 pies, respectively, sub-soil water annas deducted, by Mr. Fernandez' classers. The soil annas for new rice land are recorded at 14 annas 3 pies and 12 annas 9 pies, respectively, or if an approximate deduction, be made for position class annas, at about 11 annas 3 pies and 9 annas 9 pies. Certainly this comparison does not support the presumption that the old classification was excessively high, or to use Mr. Fernandez' phrase, that the old classers under the bad guidance of a topsy turvy scale altogether overclassed the mál villages. The Collector shows too that the officers at original survey were strongly impressed with the necessity of keeping the classification of mál and usar land low, and that they considered the gorádu in the best villages inferior. I may add that the test of the classification work at original survey was more thorough than it could be now. The table in para. 39 of Captain Prescott's letter No. 544 (Appendix R to Mr. Fernandez' report) shows that 11 per cent. on fields and 9 per cent. on area of the Kapadvanj classification was tested by an European assistant with a result good enough to elicit Captain Prescott's special commendation.
6. As to point (c), there is much to show why the cultivated area has not

Reasons why the area of occupation has fallen. increased, without assigning the reason of faulty classification tending to over-assessment. In the first place the actual assessment was kept low by a low maximum rate not only in mál and usar villages, but in villages inhabited by unskilful and improvident cultivators. Again the mal land is very generally at a distance from the village site, and Captain Prescott applied a distance from village scale designed to lower still further the assessment on the large area of waste, which it was, in his opinion, a great point to bring under the plough. Besides all this my enquiries lead me to believe that in the backward tracts the available land is not taken up solely because the population is sparse, and because there is more land than it can cultivate. This conclusion, which I recorded against many villages in my tour, e.g., Chikhlod, Sikandar, Porda, is supported in a remarkable manner by the following figures :-

| Groups. | Rates. | Population per square mile. | Percentage of assessed waste |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Rs. a. p. |  |  |
|  |  | 482 | $5 \cdot 6$ |
| Group I ... | $\begin{array}{lll}3 & 12 & 0\end{array}$ | 349 | $9 \cdot 4$ |
| Group II... | $\begin{array}{rrrr}2 & 12 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ | 220 | 26.1 |
| Do. ... | $\begin{array}{lll}2 & 4 & 0 \\ 2 & 4 & 0\end{array}$ | 450 | 3.8 |
| Group III | $\begin{array}{lll}2 & 12 & 0\end{array}$ | 184 | $33 \cdot 8$ |
| Group IV | 180 | 186 | $46 \cdot 1$ |

Note.-I have excluded Kapadvanj from Group I in this table as it is a large town, and Chikhlod from the batch at Rs. 2-12-0 of Group II, and included it in the lower batch to which it belongs by character and position. The low figure of population in the lower groups may в 106-13
be accounted for by the great scarcity of good drinking water, the unkindly nature of the soil for cultivation, and the thieving propensities of the Kolis. The decline in cultivation is partly due to these causes and also to the inflation of cultivation at the time of original settlement on account of the high prices of produce at the time of the American War. It is not due to over-assessment of mál and usar land in comparison with goradu.
7. The above remarks indicate a necessity for locating the mal and usar

Location of mal and usar villages.
(included in Appendix R). But
49 Ladvel, 20 Anara, 48 Laxmanpura, 11 Pthaia and 50 Kathâna.
tracts. I would refer to paragraph 6 of Mr. Harrington Bulkley's report No. 7 of 1863 Mr. Bulkley referred to Kapadvanj as then constituted. At that time the villages of Mr. Fernandez' Group IV, except 73 Fulchatrapura, 78 Danadra and 79 Bhutia, belonged rapura, 78 Danadra adh
From my own study of the taluka and the description given by Mr. Bulkley, I think that the usar tracts are found principally in the villages rated at Rs. 2 -4-0 in Mr. Fernandez' Group II, with the addition of 13 Alampur, 14 Chikhlod, 15 Charannikol and 16 Daiap, and with the exclusion of 52 Salod in the centre and of 53 Betáváda and 54 Kaládgi in the north of the táluka. They lie, that is, on the west and south of the mal villages which are included in the north-east batch of Group III and in Group IV. But all the villages adjoining the mál villages also contain more or less mál land.
8. The " mál" land of Kapadvanj is not so good for grass as in Thásra, ex-

Character of " mál" land in Kapadvanj cept perhaps in the extreme north-east, where the grass auctions of. "bid" or reserved pasture lands indicate an excellent outturn, $\cdot$ and an increasing income; thus in Dudáthal, Alampur, and Sunda, the auction brings in a revenue nearly as large as the full assessment. The figures are high in other villages in this direction, but the land is either assessed or made up partly of assessed and partly of unassessed land, so that a comparison with the assessment cannot be made.

In Lakshmanpura, in the south the "mal" yields as good grass as in the Thásra villages, and is largely used by Charotar cattle. There cannot be a profitable trade in grass however, as the Kapadvanj villages which grow good grass are far from the rail.
9. Mr. Fernandez' grouping is not approved by the Collector.

The composition of the Group I is accepted, however, in spite of high Grouping. increases in some villages. This cannot be helped, Group I . for the only reason is the incorrect grouping at original survey, e.g., in Fatiábad, Dasalváda and ${ }^{\circ}$ Porda, all on the main road to Nadiad. The only question is whether the rate should be Rs. 3 or Rs. 3-4-0 as proposed. Looking to the rates of adjoining villages of Nadiád and Mehmadabad, I think that no other rate than that proposed can be justified.
10. Mr. Fernandez' Group II has a double rate, a proposal which should Group II. be avoided if possible, and which can be avoided in the present case. Mr. Fernandez, indeed, means by his double rate to insist that the villages rated at the lower of the two rates should be reclassed, to lower the classification in such a way as to bring the assessment at the higher group rate to the figure found on present classification at the lower. It is a difficult problem to deal with these villages, in which the present rates vary from Rs. 2 to Rs. 3, in which there are now five rates and regarding which no principle of grouping was observed. I entirely support the Collector's suggestion to divide the group into three different groups at Rs. 2-12-0, Rs. $2-8-0$ and Rs. $2-4-0$, though $I$ differ in details. "To begin with the villages in the south :-these are mostly "mál" and " usar" villages and adjoin villages of Thásra rated in the proposals now before Government at Rs. 2-4-0. They are further from the rail, but are not so much affected, by "mall" as the Thásra villages, for among other things they are better.drained naturally.

The poor progress they have made is perhaps partly due to a somewhat excessive rating at original survey, e.g., Lasundra (Rs. 2-12-0) and Chikhlod (Rs. 3). I think that Mr. Fernandez rating may be sanctioned, but in the Rs. 2-4-0 rate should certainly be included Nos. 13, 14, 15, and 16 (see paragraph 7 above), and from it certainly No. 52 should be excluded. As to the villages of Group II, south and south-east of Kapadvanj, Messrs. Doderet and Fernandez generally agree, and I see no reason to take much objection. Anara 20 and Dapat 19 adjoin Group I and villages at Rs. 2-12-0 of Group II, and should, I think, be left as Mr. Fernandez has placed them.

The villages to the north and north-west of Kapadvanj of proposed Group II are very difficult to deal with. They are poor villages, in the Mámlatdar's opinion, though some (e. g., Jaloia and Navágám) have a considerable number of Kunbis. They are Nos. 22, 23, 34 to 41, 53 and 54 of Appendix Q. The increases are high in most, especially where the subsoil water charge is high. They are not " mál" villages and the damage by "usar" is insignificant. They are covered with beautiful trees, and the water is sweet and close. The soil is goradu. They are not badly situated for communications or market facilities. All that can be said in favour of a lower rating than that proposed is that they are not so well off in communications as the batch of Group 11 in the south-west which abuts on Mehmadabad. They ought not to be rated so highly as the villages of that batch, and I think that the Collector's recommendation that a rate of Rs. 2-8-0 should be imposed may be accepted. But the Collector omits 35 Navágám surrounded by the other villages which he proposes to rate at R.s. 2-8-0. Návágám connot be treated differently from Jaloia. He also omits Nos. 53 and 54, because Mr. Fernandez proposes a Rs. 2-4-0 rate for them. This is irregular, but at the old survey these two and No. 38 Jagdapur were grouped together, and may be so kept at a Rs. 2-4-0 rate in consideration of their larger distance from market and road.

The proposed rate for the rest of Group II (Rs. 2-12-0) is right. It applies to villages close to those of Group I near the road and adjoining villages of Mehmadabad rated at Rs. 3-8-0.
11. In his Group III, Mr. Fernandez includes a batch of villages on the right Group III. bank of the Vatrak at Rs. 2-4-0, and a batch of poor mal villages in the north-east of the taluka at Rs. 1-12-0. There was no reason to make one group of these dissimilar villages. The Collector appears to accept the low rating for the trans-Vatrak group. They are impeded in their access to market by the river, it is true, but otherwise are on a par with the cis-Vatrak group. In consideration of the river, it will be enough to group them with the Rs. 2-8-0 group just discussed.
12. I have no objection to take to the rating of the north-east batch of Groups III and IV Group III, except that Ambach, an outlying village, III and IV. should be grouped with these and not with the transVatrak villages.
Group IV is accepted by the Collector. The only flaw in it is the special rating of one village, Bhutia. It was specially rated at original survey at a maximum of Re, i. If precedent is followed, this village should be rated at the group rate, but allowed a remission between the assessment found at that rate and at a rate of Re. 1-4-0 for 15 years, the remission to continue if, on report then by the Collector, it appears advisable so to continue it.
13. I regret that so much difference of opinion is shown in these papers Summery on the question of grouping. The change or myself from discussing the settlement with the Collector; and Mr. Fernandez' attitude on the reclassification question has coloured his grouping. I trust that Government will pardon the length of the comments I am making. In my humble opinion, it is better that Government should have the viexis each reporting officer, in a case of so strong a difference of opinion as exists with respoct to Thásra and Kapadvanj.

To sum up the modified grouping which I propose :-

14. As to rice water rates I need only apply the rates to the new groups in the proportion fixed by the Deputy Superintendent.

These rates will therefore be as follow : -

| Group | I | II | III | IV | V | VI |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Water rate Rs. $2-4-0$ | 1-12-0 | 1-8-0 | 1-4-0 | 1-4-0 | 1-0-0 |  |

I append an abridged statement in the form of Appendix Q, showing the results of the modifications proposed, but including the changes which will arise from consideration of the subsoil water rates as detailed in the following paragraph.
15. In making the above detailed modifications in the proposed grouping, I have not overlooked the question of subsoil water assessments. For reasons given in the Thásra report the subsoil water charge (vide Appendix $\mathrm{Q}^{2}$ ) should be struck off all villages of the above Groups IV to VI, except Nos. 38, 53, 54, and 65 , for these are in no sense mál villages.

In Nos. 53 and 54 however and the villages to the south of new Group III, viz., Nos. 22, 23, 34 to 37 and 39 to 41, the question must be considered on different grounds. In Nos. 22 and 40 no land was classed for subsoil water advantage, but in the other villages the proposed assessment is remarkably high. In most of the villages there was a small "bagáyat kasar," only at all appreciable in Nos. 53, 35 and 23. The Mámlatdár urged that no charge on the head of subsoil water should be made. I therefore visited several of the villages. I found a little irrigation, but only of the poorest garden crops. If the villagers had been Kolis, I could have understood the surprising lack of enterprise as it would have appeared to be; but in Jaloia, where the Kanbis are very numerous, there was again practically no garden, although the water is sweet and close to the surface. The people urge that the water is too close, and that their land suffers from "bheja" or excess of surface moisture. Mr. Fernandez (paragraph 73) thinks that the assessment proposed should not be modified.

He has already allowed a fault for loose sand which makes wells more costly, and contends that the benefit of available water will appear in a season of drought. I am not satisfied that a case is made out for a charge for the "advantage," for I cannot explain the absence of well irrigation in this tract except on the supposition that it does not pay. There are few wells, and what little irrigation there is, is of the poorest and most unprofitable character.

I think then that these villages should be treated as the mal villages, and not assessed for an advantage which is not proved to exist. I cannot go any further with the Collector in taking off the charges for subsoil water command for in other cases his argument is based only on his anxiety to prevent too high enhancements.
16. The Collector agrees that the enhancement proposed is not excessive. He has clearly seen that at original settlement, the high prices of the war period were not urged as a basis for that settlement, which was guided by the pitch of rating fixed in the earlier Kaira settlements; and that the increase at original settlement was due to the inclusion of adjacent pieces of waste in occupied numbers to round off the configuration of those fields,

The tíluka is still backward, and it is far from the rail. The enhancement indicated by Appendix $Q$ will be considerably diminished by the modifica-
tions recommended in the previous paragraphs. It will still further be lowered by the application of the distance from village scale. This is always the tendency in large villages, which are numerous in the eastern portions of the táluka. Further Mr. Fernandez has intimated his intention to imitate Captain Prescott in applying an almost wholly descending scale. I may explain that the distance from village scales make reductions in the assessment according to distance from the village, for in the tillage of distant fields much time is lost in all agricultural operations. The cost of bringing the harvest home, of carting manure, of watching the crop, is also greater than in the home fields. In large market villages, and in villages on a roadway, the scale places a small increment on the home fields, and does not begin the deductions till fields more distant than a quarter or half a mile are reached. What Mr. Fernandez then means is that scales making additions will be sparingly used. I shall consult the Collector and may now say that I approve of the course which the Deputy Superintendent proposes for adoption. Generally the application of the scale only makes a small reduction in the total assessments, giving about as much as it takes, but if it confines itself to deductions principally, the effect may be a nett reduction of as much as 5 per cent., the reduction estimated by Mr. Fernandez
17. The question of "Vada" lands need not await the detailed statement promised. In 1883 (Sathe's Land Revenue Code, page 282) Government ruled that when a larger area than the maximum area fixed for a Province as the limit of free enjoyment has been sanctioned by adequate authority, such area may be continued subject to future revision. In Kapadvanj the acre limit has been sanctioned by Government, and I think that the question of now revising this concession may be postponed to.the date on which the lease about to be given expires,
18. I concur with the Deputy Superintendent and Collector as to the trees in Sháhpura,

> I have the honour to be,
> Sir,
> Your most obedient Servant,
E. C. OZANNE,

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

ABRIDGED
Referred to in paragraph 13 of the Survey Commissioner and Director


APPENDIX Q.
Land Records and Agriculture's No. $\frac{8}{1 i 2}$, dated 4th May 1895.


## Revenue Department.

Camp Bándra, 13th May 1895.

## Forwarded.

2. The papers op the Thásra settiement have only just been sent on. there sig great deal of analogy in the two tálukas and the remarks about mál

3. The resenue history and statistics show a fair rate of progress. The risé in priées ts perceptible but not very. great, Population has increased at a -highey rate, than in the richer westernisdistricts and the malarious and waterlogged Mátar' Theie is puarked rise the thumber of wells milch cattle and horses' and áfair'increase in ploüghs and cảrts. Thè reeords of salest mortgages - and leases show that thé assessment is inot excessive, and there has been no diffe "culty in the collection of revenue;' although the careless habits of -Koif cultivators required al fair number of notioes ; there are practically no cases of distraint. . :



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4. The only really "unfavourable feature is the incerease of arable waste in certain "villages (see Mr Fernandez's para. 63) . But this is' ony" partial, and the figures at para. 8 show that the amount of unoccupied land dis almost unchanged from the figutes of the last settlement, whte the Appendix 0 is clean proof that cultivation is yearly creeping up ard recovering. from tite disastroua years from 1875:to 1878.: On the whole there appears good reas̃or to agree with the Collector that the facts before Governnent justify a moderate increase in the assèssment










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of reduction. It is unnecessary to enter at length into the discussion. The undersigned considers that Mr. Ozanie's grouping may be accepted with one modification. He has not given sufficient reason for raising the ten villages of the trans-Watrak group from the 24 rate to a rate of 2\%8. The Commissioner agrees with the Collector that these ten villages should remain in the new Group 4.
6. `The treatment of the subsoil question is on the lines of that-adopted in Thásra. Mr. Ozănne recommends thàt it be struck off in alf villages of Groups ${ }^{-}$ IV; V and VI (except 38 Jagdipur and 65 Ambach), also in Nos, 22, 23, 34 to 37 and 39 to 41. If, as suggested above, the ten villages 55 to 64 are put into Group IF the question'of the reduetion of their subsoil rate will also have tó" be onsidered
"10. The reductions thus made, together with the effect of makingia res tricted use of: "additions" in the papplication of the distance from Finlage scales, rill bring the total increasë.to certainity not more than 18 por centrag this is easonable enough-:

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Rétende Department.
"Bombay Castle, 8th July 1895.




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derable. The revenue history of the lease is satisfactory. Cultivation, notwith standing some fluctuation in the first and second decades, has expanded, the area under rice having increased more than 150 per cent; remissions have been small; and the assessment has been realized without the employment of more pressure than might have been expected from the preponderance among the population of Kolis and other backward classes. The táluka has been opened up by a system of metalled roads which afford easy access to the railway station and market of Dákor and to the markets of Nadiád and Umreth. Population has risen in number and the figures for stock and other forms of agricultural wealth show a substantial increase. On general considerations therefore a moderate enhancement of the assessment is fully justified.
*". But in considerin̄g proposals for a-revision settlement of the táluka there is one peculiarity connected with it which requires careful examination, namely, the classification ànd assessment of "mál" lands. The treatment of these lands which cover a considerable area in this táluka and the adjoining táluka of Thásra forms the subject of a.long and technical discussion between the Deputy. Superintendent on the one side and the Collector and the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture on the other, the main point at issue being whether the relative infertility of mál lands was recognized by the officers who conducted the original survey, and whether their classification made sufficient allowance for the faults inherent in mál soil, or whether the other soils of the taluka, and whether, therefore their valuation "was sberroneous as to necessitate a complete and careful revision. The Collector and the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture consider that the original valuation may beaccepted as correct. They point. out that there are numerous indications in the original reports that the inferiority of mál soils was fully recognized, and they contend that as classers cannot be relied on to distinguish mal soils from soils of other descriptions, and ascare in the grouping and moderation in the rates will obviate any danger of over-assessment, a re-classification of mál soils only is at once impracticable and unnecessary. The Deputy Superintendent in the first half of his report expresses himself very' strongly in favpur of the opposite view, and prophesies that a revision of the assessment on the basis of the present classification will produce such an over-assessment of the mál soils that land will go out of cultivation to a large extent; but in the second half of his report he so far modifies his viows as to admit that, if carefut consideration is given to the circumstances of each individual village, a just and equitable assessment can be' fixed without a complete revision of the classification, and proceeds to frảme proposals for razes and grouping accordingly. His conclusion therefore is for practioal purposes the same as that arrived at by the Collector aird the Survey-Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture; and it appears to His Excellency the Governor in Council that the plan proposed is the only one which tudes the circumstanoes can be adopted ;. in view, however; of the admitted difficulfy of cultivating fill soil, of the fact that in tracts where ite prevails the arrea fo pultivation has rèmained stationary; if it has not actūally receded, and that efforts made to encourage cultivation ly the grant of deases on favourable terms have nat been attended with success, Government consider it necessary that the result of the rates now proposed. should be very oarefulfy watched, and that if, in case of any land in actual occupation, *oomplaints of over-assessmenti, are made, they should be carefully inquired into on the spot and the assessment reduced on sufficient cause being shown. "As régards the proposal to encogurage the utilization of mál" lands for grazing, Gopernment do not consider that any action in this direction is likely to lead to good results. If the land is to 0 be given out on the full survey assessment (and if it is not, it is not understodd - what is the advantage in assessing it at all), the person taking it will be entitled to put it to any usd.he pleases, and Government do not consider it either practicable or desirable to force him to tutilize it in one particular way. $-{ }^{\circ}$ All that can apparently be done is for the Collector to restrict temporary and sporadiécultivation and encourage the taking upiof large areas by agriculturists of capita and experience, who will doubtless. putthe land' under grass jif they- find it "profitable to do so.' In any action.

sight of. His Excellency in Council is of opinion that it is desirablo for the Collector to make in suitable places 3 or 4 experiments in the way of creating babul plantations on mal land, which, if they proved successful, might afterwards reasons his belief that such plantations would not thrive.
4. The Survey Comi.
states that the question of "usur" " Director of Land Records and Agriculture important than that of mál land, but also that affected by soluble salts is more large. It is understood that in sut also that the area of "usur" land is not group owing to the presence of " usur,", but it is said that it is very difficult to detect. The instructions given in the last paragraph with regard. to future
 to "usur"-as to "má" "lands - "
5. The question of rates. and graupng may no bo considetech iMr. Fernandez proposes to divide the taluba into four groups withe soil rates wrying necessity of imposing a but in three out of these four groups he is led by the necessity of imposing a light assessment on mál lands to suggest a double rate, sioner and Director of I the opinion of the Collector and the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, is opposed to ordinary Director of Land Record possible, be avoided. The Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture accordingly, acting on some sugresof which as well as , the percentage enhancements that will scheme, the details shown in the following table:-

| Group. | Number of villages. | Soil. | Water. | Percentage. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Rs. a. | Rs. a. |  |
| I ... | 12 | - 34 | 24 | $32 \cdot 54$ |
| II ... | 16 | 212 | 112 | $26 \cdot 7$ |
| III ... | 19 | 28 | 1'8 | $24 \cdot 8$ |
| IV ... | 17 | 24 | 14 | $13 \cdot 4$ |
| V . |  | 112 | 14 | $13 \cdot 3$ |
| VI | 9 | 18 | 10 | 6.8 |
| Total | 79 | -•* | $\cdots$ | 22.0 |

The enhancement involved in the above propossuls is very moderate and the scale of assessment has been carefully graduated so as to press as lightly as possible on the villages in the lower groups which contain the largest proportion of mál land. But in order to reduce to a minimum the danger of orerassessment, Mr. Ozanne proposes that a wholly descending distance from village scale, the nature of which he explains in paragraph. 16 of his letter, should be applied in working out the rates instead of that ordinarily in use,-a modification which will, it is estimated, lower the percentage increments by some 5 per cent in all groups. This suggestion appears to Government suitable and should be acted on.
6. In addition to the relief thus given there is a consensus of opinion among the officers who have reported on the present proposals that some remission of the sub-soil water assessment should be granted. The ground on which this is based is that in mál lands at any rate the nature of the soil makes irrigation an impossibility and that in some other parts of the taluka the wells are few in number and sub-soil water facilities but little utilized. Thus Mr. Ozanne proposes to remit this assessment for one or other of these reasons in the $\therefore$ whole of Groups IV to VI, except the village of Jagdupur, and also in the 12
villages margingly 10 villages :

| Sorna. <br> Dapat. <br> Porda Bhatera. <br> Anara. <br> Fatiabad. |  | Dasalwada, |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Jagdupur. |
|  |  | Apruyi. |
|  |  | Pahad. |
|  |  | Sarali. |

on the ground that the wells in existence are few in number, and that the percentage increments involved by the present proposals are extremely high. Having regard to the desirability of avoiding over-assessment, Government consider 'that the Collector's proposals, should be carried out. "

Subject to this understanding, therefore, and to such modifications as may be necessitated by any petitions of objection received hereafter, the rates proposed by Mr. Ozanne should be introduced and guaranteed for thirty years. The special remission proposed in the case of Bhutia may be granted.
7. The practice of remitting the assessment on wrida lands up to the limit of an acre should, as proposed by the Collector, be continued. As regards the right to trees in occupied numbers, it is not clear why it should be conceded. without payment to the inhabitants of Shálpur, when in the villages of Antroli, Betawadu and Sarali arrangements are in progress to sell it. Government consider that in these three villages also it should be granted without payment, unless the sale has been already completed, in which case the trees in Sháhpur. must remain the property of Government unless and until the people are willing: to pay for them.

## G. S. CURTIS,

Under Secretary to Government.
To

The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Collector of Kaira,
The Survey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agriculture,
I'he Accountant General,
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat,
The Government of India,
The Secretary of State for India. $\}$ By letter.

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From

II. L. HOLLAND, Esquire, Assistant Settlement Offcer, In charge Tálukdári Estates Survey, Gujarát;

To

T. R. FERNandez, Fsquire,<br>Deputy Superintendent, Gujarát Revenue Survey.

Surat, 18th March 1895.

## Sir,

I have the honour to submit, for the approval of the Survey Commissioner, proposals for the revision settlement of the two tálukdári villages, Harialá and Khareti, of táluka Mátar of the Kaira Collectorate.
2. In accordance with Government Resolution No. 4580 of the 27 th June 1889, the operations have been curtaled as much as possible. The main object of the revision survey being the inspection and recording of cultivated, uncultivated, and unculturable areas, inspection of boundary marks and any necessary measurements and other usual survey operations.
3. The old classification in both these villages was tested and examined, and having been found to be sufficiently accurate for revision settlement operations was confirmed.
4. At the original survey both the villages were under attachment, and were, therefore, settled with 95 khálsa villages of Mátar in 1862 by Captan C. J. Prescott, Superintendent of the Gujarát Revenue Survey.
5. The area of these villages Hariálá and Khareti is 3,806 acres or 6 square miles for the former, and 2,298 acres or 3.6 miles for the latter.
6. The general result of the revision operations is as follows :-

| Gross anea ... Deduct kharáb | ... | ... | Old Acres. <br> .. 6,104 | New Acres$6,104$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |
|  | ... | ... | 667 | 746 |
| Deduct alienated | Balance culturable |  | ... 5,437 | 5,358 |
|  | ... | ... | ... 2,791 | 2,645 |
|  | Balance Darbári |  | ... 2,646 | 2,713 |
| of which waste..: | ... | - | ... 1,342 | 733 |
|  | ce | cultivated | ... 1,304 | 1,980 |

From the above it will be observed that the gross area by revision is neither increased nor decreased. The difference now in the alienated land of 146 acres less is owing to some alienated numbers being converted into Darbári numbers.
7. The village of.Hariálá is situated to the north-east of the táluka on the Wátrak river, and adjoins the kasba town of Mátar. The high road from Dholka passes through the village lands and crosses the river Wátrak to Kaira and then on to Mehmadabad.
8. The village of Khareti lies to the west of the táluka.
9. The chief market town of the district is Mátar, where all the trade of the district is carried on, and from Mátar produce is taken to Barejdi, Mehmadabad and Nadiád, which are stations on the B. B. \& C. I. Railway line.
10. Regarding the different crops grown in these two villages and the proportionate area coyered by each is not obtainable, but it seems to be as folв $597-1$
lows from the data gathered at the time of revision. Nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ ths of the lands cultivated contains a kharíf crop and the remainder rabi. The chief crops are jowári, bájri, wheat and rice, which is of the "Sutarsal" kind.
11. The table below gives the statistics of these two villages for the years 1892-93:-

|  |  |  |  |  | 1,258 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Population . |  | $\cdots$ | $\ldots$ |  | 216 |
| Agricultural cattle |  | $\cdots$ | ... |  | 498 |
| Cows, buffaloes and | t |  | ... | ... | 151 |
| Sheep and goats | ... | $\cdots \cdot$ | ... |  | 5 |
| Horses and ponies | ... | $\ldots$ | ... |  | 51 |
| Carts ... | ... | ... |  |  | 119 |
| Ploughs . | ... | ... | .. |  | 40 |
| Wells and tanks | .. | ** | . |  | 516 |
| Houses... | ... | ... |  |  |  |

To compare the above with the original, there are no means, as these two villages at original survey were settled with the other khálsa villages and, therefore, no separate figures for them are obtainable.
12. The average rainfall for these two villages cannot be obtained, but, according to the Deputy Superintendent's revision report of Mátar, it is about $35 \cdot 15$ inches for the táluka.
13. The following statement shows the old rates for these two villages which I do not propose to increase or decrease in any way. Comparing them with the adjoining Government villages they agree with Mr. Fernandez's revision proposals :-

14. It will be seen from Appendix $Q$ that the total increase on these two villages is Rs. 1,103. But to calculate the percentage increase it is necessary to find the average acre incidence of assessment between the old and proposed rates, which is given in the following statement:-

Incidence per Acre.

olalement प for the T'úlukdäri villages of táluka Mátar of the Kaira Collectorate.



Camp Kolak, Táluta Párdi, 24th April 1895.

## Forwarded to the Collector of Kaira.

2. Cultivation in the two villages reported on, shows an increase during the lease of 676 acres, or 518 per cent. In respect of data shonn by Mr. Holland in his paragraph 11 there are no means now available for eftecting comparison with the corresponding data of the time of the oiginal settlement, but no doubt can be entertained that they must, in all the main points, show considerable progress too, for they all turn round the extent of cultivation.
3. The undersigned cannot agree with $\mathbf{M r}$. Holland's statement that all the trade of the táluka is centered in the town of Mátar. A study of the position of the táluka with reference to the railway and the port of Cambay will show the utter impossibility of produce being finst carried to it, and thence distributed to the several stations named by Mr. Holland. Tiade carried on on such an erratic principle could never succeed.
4. In paragrapb 13 Mr . Holland speaks of the rates adopted by him for the two villages: He first says they are nothing but the original rates; and then, to recommend them, he states they " agree with Mr. Feinandez's revision proposals." The undersigned cannot understand on what ground this statement is based, as the following comparative figures will show :-

|  |  | Sonl. | Water. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Hariálá ... ... ... | . ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 44 | 2-12 |
| Vávdi adjoining Government village | ... | $4 \cdot 8$ | $3 \cdot 0$ |
| Khareti ... ... ... | ... | 4.0 | $3 \cdot 8$ |
| Rates of adjoining Government villages | ... | $3 \cdot 12$ | $3 \cdot 0$ |

It will be seen that, in no instance, does the original rate agree with the revision rate sanctioned by Government in their Resolution No. 1082, dated 10th February 1894. As Mr. Holland shows in bis paragraph 4, the two talukdári villages were, at the original settlement, treated practically as Govennment villages; there is, therefore, now no reason for their being treated in a different manner from the Government villages adjoining them: hence the DeputySuperintendent would recommend for them the revision rates as stated above.
5. Mr. Holland quotes dhekudiat rates, but dhekudiat assessment has been cancelled by Government for Government villages, and this order is no doubt applicable to tálukdári villages as well. However, it is lucky that in the villages reported on, there are no dhekudiat lands, and nothing further need be added here.
6. Mr. Holland recommends Rs. 8-8-0 as the maximum rate for bhátha. The rate sanctioned for the revision settlement of Mátar is Rs, 8, and the under* signed would suggest this for adoption in preference.
7. The Deputy Superintendent submits herewith a fresh statement to show the effects of the application of the revision settlement rates recommend. ed by him. In the case of Hariálá, the increase is 23.7 per cent., but in that of Khareti there is a decrease of $3 \cdot 4$ per cent. These results should be accepted, for not only do both the villages belong to the same 'Iálukdár, but in Hariálá the increase is very largely due to the uncrease in the bhatha area, the present assessment being Rs. 74 and the proposed Rs, 454.

> I have the honour, \&c.,
> T. R FERNANDEZ,
> Deputy Superintendent, Revenue Survey, Gujarat,

Statement referred to in paragraph 7 of the Deputy Superintendent's No. 449, dated $24 t$ April 1895.


## No． 1395 of． 1895.

Camp Mehmadabad，${ }_{50}^{29} t$ April 1895．
Forwarded with compliments to the Commissioner，N．D．
2．The proposals relate to the introduction of a revision settlement into the tálukdári villages of Hariáláa and Khareti，situated in the Mátar Táluka；and any suggestions as regards an increase in the assessment now levied should logically be based on considerations which，applied to the Mátar．Táluka，of which the assessment was lately revised，for the villages have shared in the advance in general prosperity which has occurred during the last 30 years in this tract of country．．

3．Undersigned，therefore，agrees with the proposals made by＇Mr．Fer－ nandez in paragraph 4 of his forwarding memorandum，and would for similar reasons beg to recommend a rate of Rs． 8 for bhátha land．

4．The effect of the revised rates will be a decrease（ $3 \cdot 4$ per cent．）in Khareti and a mederate increase（ 23.7 per cent．）in Hariálá．

W．DODERET，<br>Collector．

Through the Survey and Settlement Commissioner．

> NO. $\frac{\text { s. }}{1275}$ of 1895.
> Poonor, 产2nd May"1895.
> Forwarded with complimeñts tò the Tálukdári Settlement Officer, Gujarát,
> C. W'. GODFREY゙, Coloñel,
> Acting Survey Commissioner and Director, Land Records and Agriculture. for favour of any remarks he may have to make．

> No. 238 of 1895 .
> $\quad \cdots \quad$ Camp Gogha, 27 th May 1895.

The Tálukdári Settlement Officer has the honour to express his entire concurrence in the view and proposals of the Deputy Superintendent，Gajarát Survey．Mr．Quin has not before him either the original or the revision settle－ ment report of the khalsa villages in the Mátar Táluka，but he is of opinion that the revised rates for Hariálá and Khareti should correspond exactly with those sanctioned for the surrounding Government villages．The estimated increase will in neither case be uureasonable．

> H. O. QUIN,
> Tálukdári Settlement Officer, Gujarat.

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\text { No. } \frac{\cdot \mathrm{s}}{1334} \text { of } 1895 .
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Poona，Brd June 1895
Submitted to Government through the Commissioner，N．D．
2．The proposals as modified by the Deputy Superintendent and supported by Mr．Quin have the approval of the undersigned．

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

No． 2179 of 1895.
Revenue Departmént． Camp Bändra，8th June 1895.
Forwarded to Government for sanction．

G．B．REID，<br>Commissioner，N．D．

## Revenue Survey and Assessment ; Revision settlement of the Túlukdari Dillages of Hariala and Khareti, Taluka Matar, District Kaira.

No. 2954.
Revenue Department.
Bombay Castle, 9th April 1896.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 2179, dated 8th June 1895-Forwarding Letter from the Assistant 'Settlement Offieer in charge Tálukdari for sanction the papers noted Estates Survey, Gujarát, No. a9, dated 18th March 1895.
Meroorandum from the Depaty guperintendent, Gojarat Revenue Survey, No. 449, dated 24th April 1895.
Memorandum from the Collector of Kaira, No. 1395, dated 30th
April 1895 . April 1895.
Memorandum from the Talnkdári Settlement Oficer, No. 238, dated 27th May 1895.
Memorandum from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, No. s.-1334, dated 3rd June 1895. in the margin containing proposals for the revision settlement of the Tálukdári villages of Hariála and Khareti, táluka Mátar, district Kaira.
Memorandum from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, No. s.-1739, dated 20th July 1895-Submitting, in continuation of his memorandum No. s. - 1334 , dated 3rd Jane 1895, one No. 2463, dated 17th July 1895, from the Collector of Kaira, who forwards a letter No. 324, dated 9 th idem from the Talukdári Settlement Officer, together with its accompanying petition recerved from the Karbhári of Utelia regarding certain lands 'in' bis villages of Hariala and Khareti in the district of Kaira,
Memorandum from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture, No. s. $\mathbf{- 1 7 7 7}$, dated 25 th July 1895.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 3033, dated 3rd August 1895.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 369, dated ist February 1896 -Forwarding one No. 244, dated 24th January 1896, from the Collector of Kaira, with its accompanying letter No. 41, dated 21 st idem, from the Tálukdári Settlement Officer.
Memorandum from the Commissioner, N. D., No. 891, dated 11th March 1896-Submitting with his remarks one No. s.-524, dated 3rd idem, from the Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agricultare.

Resolution.-The proposal to apply to the Tálukdári villages of Hariála and Khareti the rates which have been sanctioned for adjoining villages is approved and sanctioned.
2. As regards the claim for reduction on account of injury by floods and salt, a copy of the memorandum of the Survey Commissioner, No. s.-524*, dated 3rd ultimo, should be forwarded to the Talukdari Settlement Officer. The Governor in Council concurs generally in the remarks made by Mr. Ozanne, but the Tálukdári Settlement Officer should take into consideration any injury which actual inspection shows to have been caused only for the purpose of his recommendations regarding the jama. If any alteration of the survey record is needed, it must be made hereafter by the proper agency, that of the Land Records and Agricultural establishment. In preparing his recommendations regarding the jama Mr. Quin should consider whether the injury by salt efflorescence is recent or has been taken into account in the classification, and the possibility of land covered with sand hereafter becoming fit for cultivation should not be overlooked.

## J. MONTEATH,

Acting Secretary to Government.
To
The Commissioner, N. D.,
The Collector of Kaira (with the petition from the Utelia Darbár),
The Survey Commissioner and Director of Land Records and Agriculture,
The Tálukdári Settlement Officer (with a copy of the memorandum referred to in paragraph 2 of the Resolution),
The Accountant General,
The Public Works Department of the Secretariat.
The fixovernment of India,
The Secretary of State for India. $\}$ By letter.

* Not printed.


[^0]:    *The population of Mehmadabad is 550 to a square mile.

[^1]:    * The rack-rent being the natural limit of paying capacity.

[^2]:    Condition of the people.
    16. The agricultural population of this pargana may be divided into five distinguishing classes -
    1st. -The patidars or representatives of the ald village proprietary bodies.
    2nd.-The ordinary Kunbies.

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[^4]:    Financial results of the settlement.

[^5]:    *Mr. Mills' Reports, both for 1828 and 1829 , notice the falling off in indigo cultivation.

[^6]:    *This "indirect;" assessment of alienated land (otherwise held in many cases almost rent free) is duly considered in the nesp settlement, by imposing on all alienated land included in the "Khata," a salami equal to the difierence between the former amount of the "Khata" and the new asseasment of Government land
    plus the commutef cesses on alienated lands.

[^7]:    $\ddagger$ Thirty-six years ago (lith of December 1826) Mr. Williams, then Collector, wntes_"The body of the landholders (Nurwadárs) are poor. According to a statement framed with great care, out of a total of 87 Nurwadars, eleven are in good circumstances, thirty-six are in middling, though in a great measure dependent on the produce of the season, and forty live in a state of poverty, with means just sufficient to prestrve their cultivation " What a change in these 36 years?

[^8]:    * So far back as July 1828, Mr. Mills, the Acting Collector, makes the following remark in reporting bn this part of the country, and speaking of the substantial cultivators; he says (paragraph 25). "The large sums that have been, and atill are snnually expended in repairng and building wells, certainly argues no defect in etther capital or enterprize on the part of the farmers, and I may safely venture to assert ready market, that is in a general pount of view beyond their reaoh." If it were so in 1828, what is it in 1865?
    + Although I am unable, after a careful search of the records, to discover any indication of real poverty in Nadıád, except that the 12 Nadıad villages above alluded to were overassessed, and though the reports as a rule abound with evidence of the general prosperity of the district, yet Mr. Mills' Jamabandi Reports for $1832-33$ and 1833-34 give a most dismal and disheartening account of the state of the ryots and revenue in some parts of the Karra Collectorate. I must confess that I attribute this sudden change in part to the influence of Patels who had lately been deprived (by the abandonment, in a great measure, of the system of leasing) of profits which had been theirs, almost hereditarily, from time immemorial. It is impossible, in any other way, to account for the sudden change in the condition of a whole collectorate between the years 1828 and 1833 , admitting even that the seasons were bad, and that agriculture was in a atate of temporary depression, I merely mention this, in passing, in order that it may be secn I have had the fear of a chance of a sudden depression before my eyes, and that I have not fixed the rates I now propose without due consideration.

    It must be borne in mind, that when Mr. Mills wrote this report, Gujarát was "almost terra incognita," Then the mass of ryots were in debt, and lived from hand to mouth. Lafe and property were mosi msecure and our rule was in its infancy. Now the people of Gujarát are better of than those of any other province on this side of India. A railway traverses their country from one end to the other ; roads are being opened out daly, so that in a short time the markets of the whole of the Presidency will, so to speak, be brought to their very doors.

[^9]:    * N.B.-BhaIuj seems to be an exceptionally prosperous village, and its gradual prugress is mentioned an far back as the years 1827 and 1828. Vide Mr. Muls' Report of the 23rd July 1829, paragraph 21.

[^10]:    *This shows how fallacious any calculation based on the old rater only really is,

[^11]:    In Report .

[^12]:    * Difficulty is cansed in these cases by the obvious exaggerations met with from time to time in early settlement reports.

[^13]:    [* N.B.-Mátar villages are not charotar, as assumed in some of the Mátar settlement papers. The charotar boundary runs with and includes the villages of Tundel, Dabhan, Nadiad, the two Saluns, Molel and Mangrolı in the Nadiád Táluka.]

[^14]:    * Nota,-'l'he error regarding Chikhodra has been corrected in Mr. Fernandez's Appendix Q ${ }^{1}$.

[^15]:    8 1365—a

[^16]:    * Not printed. Since this statement was prepared a large part of Matar has become Mehmadabad Táluka and contanns some vallages of the old Nadád and Mundha Tálukas. The printing therefore of this statement mught canse confusion. Besides this it is very elaborate, and its printing would be very expensive. If ever required for reference it can be procured from the Secretariate or the Commissioner N. D.'s office.

[^17]:    * Common dry-crop soll.

[^18]:    B 1365－9

[^19]:    "I cannot hear of any applications ever having been made, nor during my four years" experience as Collector here can I recall any instance of a ryot petitioning to have the Dhekudiat assessment taken off his lands. I, therefore, am of opinion that the rayats have been in ignorance of the stipulation that the Dhekndiat assessment would be struck off when the facility of erecting dhekudis is lost by the action of the river. If I am right in this view, there is no reason to blame the system. When giving out the revised rates the ryots can be informed particularly on this point, and there will, no doubt in future, arise no cause

[^20]:    *Thas is the account given in the Tevis kalambandis. But it would seem that sometimes the Peshwa's Governent levied the karram viro durectly from the cultivators, and not in the shape of a tribute from the Malleks. This, at any rate, appears to have been the case in the years immediately previous to the introduction of British rule. It is likely, I thmk, that the exaction began in the shape of an udhad jamabandi, and that afterwards, as it grew stronger, the Peshwa's Government, in accordance with the usual grasping policy of the Mardithas, endeavoured to establish a right to interfere in the internal management of the vilages, by levying the cess directly from the cultivators. For a similar instance, vide the history of the Daskrohi village of Batwa, aiready reported. In he case of the Mallek villages this question is of some importance For if the karram viro was paid directly to the Peshwa's Government, it is obvious that the. Guikwar's ghasdana, which the British Government seem to bave oonoeded, ought to be defrayed out of the karram Riro, was orig Padal Malleks, dated August 1st, 1820.

[^21]:    * Not printed.
    + It would seem that a karram vero ought to bear to a grain wajeh of one-third the produce the proportion in money of one-third vro to two-thirds wajeh. For, taking the share of the cultivator accordng to the usnal bhagbatai system to be one-half the gross produce, and the wajeh one-thurd, one-sixthn the gross produce would be left for the vero. the holder of wajeh, and the recipient of a karram vero should share the gross produce equally ${ }_{\text {t }}$ that the cultivator, the holder of wajeh, and the recipient of a kaxram vero should share the gross produce equally,

[^22]:    * Rs. 3,142 , supposing each village to have a taliti. If as at present two or three of the amaller villages have one talati, the amount will be reduced,

[^23]:    * Correct quotation from the Government Resolntion quoted; but the rates were not introduced till 1866-67 and the period of guarantee was fixed in all the talukas of Kaira, so that the period bhould determine in 1891-92.
    $\dagger$ Including the twóo villages, viz, Kansária, and Jesarwa, subsequently made khálsa,
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[^24]:    - $1600-3$

[^25]:    *The Acting Superintendent's attention will be called to the necessity of correcting the preof-shaeta of thase reporta, ahown by Jowari 'natead of Sowari (nding) having been printed in the detasi of certe givin in paragraph 24

    - $1609-14$

[^26]:    в 106 - 7

