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Diary of Proceedings.

DIARY OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE.

The Chairman assumed charge of his duties before office hours on Wednesday, the 3rd April 1918, and called a meeting the same day at 4 p.m. at the Collector's kacheri, Karachi. The Committee met and considered clerical requirements, procedure and programme of tour.

The Committee met again at 11-30 a.m. on Thursday, the 4th April 1918, at the Collector's kacheri. It was decided to invite the Collectors to select official witnesses and zamindars, and a further list of witnesses was promised by Mr. Bhurgri. It was decided to frame questions to be sent beforehand to the witnesses and the programme of tour was settled. The meeting was attended throughout by Mr. Bhurgri.

The Committee met again at 11-30 a.m. on Saturday, the 6th April 1918, at the Collector's kacheri. Clerical requirements and procedure were further discussed and the questions framed during the preceding day by the various members were discussed and ordered to be consolidated and translated and printed, and to be then distributed to the witnesses. Mr. E. Rodrigues was appointed to be Secretary to the Committee and arrangements were ordered for the next meeting to be held for recording evidence on Monday, the 15th April 1918, at Sukkur.

The Committee was provided with the following official papers—

Confidential reports on rasai and lapo underlying Government Resolution, Revenue Department, No. 3115 of the 7th May 1902	... Part I	Page 1—20
Circular and proclamation on rasai, No. 554, dated the 23rd September 1914, by the Commissioner in Sind	... " "	21—22
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Secretary.

The Committee met in the District Court at Sukkur on Monday, the 15th April 1918, at 10 a.m., and examined—

1. Mr. Rothfeld, Collector of Sukkur	... Part II	Page 1
2. " Kirkpatrick, District Superintendent of Police, Sukkur	... " "	14
3. " Naraindas, Police Inspector	... " "	22

The Committee met again on Tuesday, the 16th April 1918, at 9 a.m. and examined—

4. Mr. Smyth, Deputy Commissioner, Upper Sind Frontier	... Part II	Page 28
5. " Isani, Deputy Collector, Rohri	... " "	35
6. " Robinson, Divisional Forest Officer, Sukkur	... " "	46
7. The Hon'ble Mr. Khan Bahadur Pir Baksh	... " "	53

* After the sitting, the list of witnesses was considered in the presence of Mr. Bhurgri and it was decided to curtail the list as far as possible. This was approved and several witnesses were withdrawn by Mr. Bhurgri.

The Committee met on Wednesday, the 17th April 1918, and examined—

8. Mr. Gopaldas Harumal, Sub-Divisional Officer, P. W. D.	... Part II	Page 58
9. " Atmaram, Mukhtiarkar of Sukkur	... " "	64
10. Rao Bahadur Asardas Motaram, retired Deputy Collector	... " "	70
11. Khan Sahib Saif-ud-din, Jagirdar and Zamindar	... " "	180

The Committee met on Thursday, the 18th April 1918, and examined—

12. Mr. Murlidhar Jeramdas, Pleader	...	...	... Part II	Page 184
13. " Mangharam, Mukhtiarkar	...	...	... "	" 75
14. Wadero Kaisar Khan, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 191
15. Rao Sahib Gokalsing, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 201
16. Mr. O'Brien, District Superintendent of Police, Upper Sind Frontier.	...	...	... "	" 82
17. " Bhojsing, Pleader, Sukkur	...	...	... "	" 85

After the sitting, the list of witnesses was again reconsidered and further curtailed with the approval of Mr. Bhurgri.

The Committee met on Friday, the 19th April 1918, and examined—

18. Mr. Menghraj H. Kalwani, Deputy Collector, Kandhkot	...	...	... Part II	Page 90
19. Jam Bhabho Khan, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 195
20. Mr. Chainrai K., Mukhtiarkar	...	...	... "	" 97
21. Wadero Muhammad Khan Ghoto, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 205

The Committee met on Saturday, the 20th April 1918, and examined—

22. Mr. Naraindas Motaram, retired Deputy Collector	...	...	... Part II	Page 104
23. " Madhandas, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 113
24. " Choithram, Tapadar	...	...	... "	" 119
25. " Karim Baksh, Tapadar	...	...	... "	" 218

During the sittings at Sukkur the oral evidence of the following witnesses was dispensed with, their written statements only being taken:—

1. Pir Rasul Baksh, Zamindar	...	...	... Part II	Page 224
2. Mr. Keswani, Supervisor, P. W. D., Upper Sind Frontier	...	...	... "	" 125
3. " Ganpatrai, Overseer	...	...	... "	" 129
4. " Kadir Baksh, Police Inspector, Upper Sind Frontier	...	...	... "	" 133
5. " Murjmal, Police Sub-Inspector, Upper Sind Frontier	...	...	... "	" 137
6. " Naraindas Vishindas, Pleader, Sukkur	...	...	... "	" 140
7. " Virumal Begraj, Editor	...	...	... "	" 146
8. " Kishindas Jhamrai, Pleader	...	...	... "	" 150
9. " Chandumal, Supervisor and Sub-Divisional Officer, P. W. D.	...	...	... "	" 156
10. " Sobhraj, dismissed Tapadar	...	...	... "	" 228
11. " Mulchand Pessumal, Pleader	...	...	... "	" 160
12. Kazi Khairullah, dismissed Tapadar	...	...	... "	" 234
13. Mr. Mulchand Mahtani, Sub-Engineer, Public Works Department...	...	...	... "	" 165
14. " Ali Nawaz Muhammad Rahim Beg Mirza, Mukhtiarkar	...	...	... "	" 170
15. " Muhammad Bachal Baghai Bhuto, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 239
16. " Ramumal, Zamindar, Ubauro	...	...	... "	" 244
17. " Imdad Hussain Khan, Supervising Tapadar	...	...	... "	" 249
18. Wadero Dil Muhammad Khan Khoso, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 176
19. Mr. Rupchand Teumal, Mukhtiarkar, Ghotki	...	...	... Part IV	Page 44
20. " Faiz Muhammad, Zamindar, Rohri Part II	Page 259
21. Munshi Muhammad Baksh, retired Supervising Tapadar "	" 265

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Secretary.

The Committee met at Larkana in the Durbar Hall on the 22nd April 1918 at 8 a.m. Before commencing its sittings, the Committee considered the list of witnesses in consultation with Mr. Bhurgri and it was decided to dispense with the oral evidence of a number of witnesses, their written statements only being recorded. The Committee then proceeded with the examination of—

1. Mr. Bolus, Collector of Larkana	...	...	Part III	Page	1
2. " Curry, District Superintendent of Police, Larkana	...	...	"	"	15
3. " Philpot-Brookes, Executive Engineer, Western Nara	...	...	"	"	23
4. Khan Sahib Dhani Baksh Jatoi, Zamindar	...	...	"	"	36

The Committee met again on the 23rd April 1918, and examined—

4. Mr. Gordon, Executive Engineer, Begari Canals	...	...	Part II	Page	271
5. " Kishinchand, Deputy Educational Inspector	...	...	Part III	"	36
6. " Gurmukhsing, Sub-Divisional Officer, Public Works Department	...	...	"	"	39
7. Serai Shah Muhammad Lahori, Zamindar	...	...	"	"	46
8. Mr. Hiranand Janjimal, Mukhtiarkar	...	...	"	"	53

The Committee met on the 24th April 1918 and examined—

9. Mr. Hiranand Janjimal, Mukhtiarkar	...	...	"	"	53
10. " Jessasing, retired Deputy Collector	...	...	"	"	63
11. Serai Ghulam Muhammad, Zamindar	...	...	"	"	68
12. Mr. Wadhmal Tarachand, Mukhtiarkar	...	...	"	"	74

The Committee met on the 25th April 1918. The Hon'ble Mr. Ghulam Hussain was unavoidably absent, having been called to Delhi to attend the All India War Conference. The following witnesses were examined :—

13. Mr. Wadhmal Tarachand, Mukhtiarkar	...	...	Part III	Page	74
14. " Hargundas, Tapadar	...	...	"	"	84
15. " Gul Muhammad, Tapadar	...	...	"	"	90
16. " Dharamdas, Chief Officer, Larkana Municipality	...	...	"	"	82
17. " Javharmal, Tapadar	...	...	"	"	83

Mr. Wadhmal Tarachand produced several bundis and papers in connection with the rasai fund of the Dadu taluka ; these were ordered to be kept in the custody of the Secretary.

During the sittings at Larkana, the oral evidence of the following witnesses was dispensed with, their written statements only being recorded :—

1. Mr. Gustasp, Divisional Forest Officer	...	...	Part III	Page	98
2. " Jashanmal Murijmal, Mukhtiarkar	...	...	"	"	104
3. Kazi Ahmadi, Zamindar	...	...	"	"	109
4. Seth Tawarmal, Zamindar	...	...	"	"	113
5. Mr. Sadbusing, retired Deputy Collector	...	...	"	"	117
6. " Tahilram Mulchand, Editor	...	...	"	"	120
7. " Lalchand Navalrai, Pleader	...	...	"	"	125
8. " Jan Muhammad Junejo, Bar-at-Law and Zamindar	"	"	132
9. " Shamsuddin Bulbul, Zamindar	"	"	137

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10.	Rao Sahib Mulchand, Zamindar	Part III	Page 146
11.	Mr. Abdulla Khan Tunjio, Zamindar	"	" 150
12.	" Kadir Baksh Narejo, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 155
13.	" Hotchand Thakursing, Pleader	...	...	...	"	" 160
14.	Khan Sahib Dost Muhammad Khan Jatoi, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 165
15.	Khan Sahib Alla Baksh Bughio, Zamindar	"	" 171
16.	Mr. Hardasmal Uderdinomal, Deputy Collector, Mehar	"	" 175

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Secretary.

The Committee met at Hyderabad on the 29th April 1918 in the Durbar Hall of the Collector's kacheri at 8 a.m. and examined the following witnesses:—

1.	Mr. Hey, Collector of Hyderabad	...	...	...	Part IV	Page 1
2.	" Lowsley, Executive Engineer	...	...	...	"	" 13
3.	" Kundanmal Lahori, Deputy Collector	...	...	...	"	" 19

The Committee met on the 30th April 1918 at 8 a.m. and examined—

4.	Mr. Hayter, District Superintendent of Police	...	...	...	"	" 27
5.	" Montgomery, Manager, Incumbered Estates	...	...	...	"	" 36
6.	The Rev. D. S. Harper, C. M. S.	...	...	...	"	" 43
7.	Mr. Rupchand Teumal, Mukhtiarkar	...	...	...	"	" 44
8.	" Nanikram, Mukhtiarkar	...	...	...	"	" 50
9.	" Chandumal, Police Inspector	...	...	...	"	" 56

The Committee met on the 1st May 1918 at 8 a.m. and examined—

10.	Mr. Moyses, Collector of Thar and Parkar	...	...	...	Part V	Page 1
11.	" Ommanney, District Superintendent of Police, Thar and Parkar.	...	...	...	"	" 10
12.	" Jagatsing Aimal, Superintendent, Land Records	...	...	...	Part IV	Page 62
13.	" Muhammad Kamil Shah, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 69
14.	" Sundarsing Mangalsing, Zamindar	...	...	...	Part V	Page 17

The Committee met on the 2nd May 1918 at 8 a.m. The Hon'ble Mr. Ghulam Hussain resumed his seat on the Committee and the following witnesses were examined:—

15.	Mr. Timms, Executive Engineer	...	...	...	Part V	Page 19
16.	" Chainrai Bulchand, Assistant Manager, Incumbered Estates	...	...	...	Part IV	Page 74
17.	" Vastiram, Mukhtiarkar	...	...	...	"	" 80
18.	" Pohumal Khushiram, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 85
19.	Sayed Abdul Hakim Shah, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 92
20.	Mr. Nabi Baksh Shah, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 97

The Committee met on the 3rd May 1918 at 8 a.m. and examined—

21.	Mr. Mackie, Collector of Nawabshah	...	...	...	Part VI	Page 1
22.	" Dalpatrai Kauromal, Mukhtiarkar	...	...	...	Part V	Page 30

23.	Mr. Tejmal, Police Inspector	...	...	... Part V	Page 37
24.	" Muhammad Ali, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 42
25.	" Muhammad Khan Pathan, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 47
26.	Raizada Tirithram, Zamindar...	...	...	... "	" 52
27.	Mr. Daulatram Tharumal, Tapadar	...	...	... "	" 56

The Committee met on the 4th May 1918 at 8 a.m., and examined—

28.	Mr. Kirkpatrick, District Superintendent of Police	...	...	... Part IV	Page 102
29.	Sayed Allahando Shah, Zamindar	...	...	... Part VI	Page 12
30.	Mr. Khusaldas, Overseer, Public Works Department	...	...	... "	" 21
31.	" Gokaldas, Mukhtiarkar	...	...	... "	" 27

During the sittings at Hyderabad, the oral evidence of the following persons was dispensed with, with the approval of Mr. Bhurgri, their written statements only being recorded:—

1.	Mr. Hassomal Vilayatrai, Zamindar	...	...	... Part IV	Page 103
2.	Khan Sahib Sayed Hassan Ali Shah, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 107
3.	Mr. Gopaldas Jethanand, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 111
4.	Pir Bachal Shah, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 116
5.	Mir Ghulam Muhammad, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 120
6.	Mir Muhammad Baksh Khan, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 125
7.	" Hussain Baksh Khan, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 129
8.	Seth Hassan Ali Sheikh, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 133
9.	Mr. Kisumal Tirihdas, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 137
10.	" Mir Khan, Tapadar	...	...	... "	" 141
11.	" Dost Muhammad, Tapadar	...	...	... "	" 145
12.	Haji Fazul Allah, Tapadar	...	...	... "	" 150
13.	Mukhi Jethanand Pritamdas, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 155
14.	Haji Kaimaldin, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 214
15.	Mr. Mushtaksing, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 159
16.	" Thakurdas, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 165
17.	" Kundanmal, Zamindar	...	...	... Part VI	Page 34
18.	" Nihalsing, Tapadar	...	...	... "	" 38
19.	" Dasomal, Supervising Tapadar	...	...	... "	" 44
20.	" Murad Ali Shah Imam Ali Shah	...	...	... "	" 50
21.	" Kirpaldas, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 55
22.	" Muhammad Hussain, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 63
23.	Haji Mahomed Hassan	...	...	... "	" 64
24.	Mr. Abdullah Umar Khan, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 68
25.	Mir Jan Muhammad Khan, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 74
26.	Mr. Ilahi Baksh, Attorney of Sardar Mehrab Khan	...	...	... "	" 80
27.	" Gurudinomal, Editor	...	...	... "	" 84
28.	" Partabrai, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 90
28-A.	Mir Ghulam Hyder Khan	...	...	... Part V	Page 94
29.	Sayed Lal Shah, Zamindar	...	...	... "	" 98

30.	Mr. Jalal Khan, Zamindar	...	...	...	Part V	Page 103
31.	Sayed Nawaz Ali Shah, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 104
32.	Mr. Baksh Ali, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 108
33.	" Misri Khan, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 110
34.	Haji Sumar Khan, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 112
35.	Sayed Haji Muhammad Shah, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 115
36.	Mr. Lachmandas, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 120
37.	" Khuda Baksh Khao, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 122
38.	" Abbas Khan Bhurgri, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 126
39.	Sayed Zinulabdin, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 129
40.	Mr. Jan Muhammad Bhurgri, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 132
41.	" Vaghji Dhaman, Sajjan Jerandas and others	...	...	...	"	" 135
42.	" Abdul Haq Abdullah Shah Sheikh, Deputy Educational Inspector.	...	...	...	Part IV	Page 169
43.	Khushaldas Sahijram, Deputy Collector	...	...	...	"	" 173
44.	" Hiranand Khemsing, Pleader and Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 178
45.	" Santdas Mangharam, Pleader	...	...	...	"	" 183
46.	" Chimandas, Police Inspector	...	...	...	"	" 187
47.	" Ramchand Bijasing Kirpalani, Sub-Engineer	...	...	...	"	" 191
48.	" Metharam D. Jagtiani, Divisional Forest Officer, Hyderabad	...	...	...	"	" 196
49.	Rao Bahadur Harumal Ramchand Jhanginani, Engineer	...	...	...	"	" 201
50.	Mr. Mathradas Ramchand, Pleader and Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 206
51.	" Kanwalsing Pohumal, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 210
52.	" Sobhraj Shamdas, Mukhtiarkar	...	...	...	Part V	Page 135
53.	" Rijhumal Tourmal Thadani, Assistant Engineer	...	...	...	"	" 144
54.	" R. C. Motwani, District Medical Officer, Thar and Parkar	...	...	...	"	" 150
55.	" Kishinchand Lekhrāj Vaswani, Sub-Divisional Officer, P. W. D.	...	...	...	"	" 153
56.	" Wahid Baksh Gul Mubammad, Deputy Collector	...	...	...	"	" 158
57.	" Waryamsing, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 164
58.	" Ghanshamdas Khatanmal, Deputy Collector	...	...	...	Part VI	Page 68
59.	" Asardas Lilaram, Pleader and Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 71
60.	" Tharumal Lilaram, Zamindar	...	...	...	"	" 75
61.	" Hiranand Tahilram Lala, Deputy Collector	...	...	...	"	" 80
62.	" Hariram Kirparam Hingorani, Overseer	...	...	...	"	" 93
63.	" Lalchand Ghanshamdas, Mukhtiarkar	...	...	...	"	" 97
64.	" Ghulabrai Jayharsing, Chitnis	...	...	...	"	" 103
65.	" Zamanshah Mahbubshah, Deputy Superintendent of Police	...	...	...	"	" 109
66.	" Tahilram Dharamdas Vaswani, Police Inspector...	...	...	...	"	" 113

(Sd.) E. RODRIGUES,
Secretary.

The Committee met at Karachi on the 6th May 1918 at 11 a.m. in the Collector's Durbar Hall and examined—

1.	Mr. Martin, Collector of Karachi	...	...	...	Part VII	Page 1
2.	" Shillidy, Assistant Commissioner	...	...	...	"	" 11
3.	" McCulloch, District Superintendent of Police	...	...	...	"	" 20

The Committee met again on the 7th May 1918 at 8-30 p.m. and examined—

4.	Mr. Hesketh, Educational Inspector	...	...	...	Part VII	Page	26
5.	" Thanwardas Dayaram, Registrar, Court of the Judl. Commissioner	"	"	"	"	"	31
6.	" Bhawandas, Mukhtiarkar	...	...	...	"	"	35
*7.	" Jhamiatrai, Mukhtiarkar	...	...	...	"	"	45

The Committee met on the 8th May 1918 and examined—

8.	Mr. Nabi Baksh Mahomed Hussain, Native Assistant Commissioner	Part VII	Page	51
9.	" Dayaram Hassaram, Contractor	...	"	56
10.	" Gurdasing, Pleader	...	"	57
11.	" Baskerville, Assistant Collector	...	"	65
12.	" Muhammad Jaffer, Zamindar	...	"	71
13.	The Hon'ble Mr. Bhurgri	...	"	79

The Committee met on the 9th May 1918 and examined—

14.	Mr. Thanwardas Dayaram, Registrar, Judicial Commissioner's Court.	Page VII	Page	31
15.	The Hon'ble Mr. Bhurgri	...	"	79
16.	Sayed Haji Mahomed Hashim Shah, Zamindar	...	"	92

The oral evidence of the following witnesses was dispensed with, with the approval of Mr. Bhurgri, and their written statements only were recorded.—

1.	Mr. W. H. Luck, Deputy Inspector-General of Police for Sind	...	Part VII	Page	97
2.	" R. T. Harrison, Superintending Engineer	...	"	"	101
3.	" H. A. MacArthur, Executive Engineer	...	"	"	106
4.	" H. L. Newnan, Deputy Conservator of Forests	...	"	"	111
5.	Prof. S. C. Shahani, Zamindar	...	"	"	115
6.	Mr. Javharmal Tahiltam Shahani, Sub-Engineer	...	"	"	119
7.	Khan Sahib Susekh Ibrahimji Jivanjee, Zamindar and Merchant	...	"	"	123
8.	Maulvi Abdul Rahim	...	"	"	126
9.	Mr. Neenmal Aidas Hingorani, Overseer	...	"	"	130
10.	" Jagatrai, Police Inspector	...	"	"	135
11.	" Mowaram Jethanand, Range Forest Officer	...	"	"	142
12.	" Gobindram Jashanmal Ramchandani, Forest Ranger	...	"	"	146
13.	" Chihomal, Tapadar	...	"	"	150
14.	Pir Jahan Shah, Zamindar	...	"	"	154
15.	Mr. Kishinchand, Tapadar	...	"	"	155
16.	" Tejumal Khanchand, Zamindar	...	"	"	159
17.	" Metharam Ajitsing, Zamindar	...	"	"	163
18.	" Udham, Tapadar	...	"	"	168
19.	" Abdul Satar, Inspector of Police	...	"	"	172
20.	" Khan Sahib Rahimdad Khan, Zamindar	...	"	"	176
21.	The Hon'ble Mr. W. U. Nicholas	...	"	"	180

The Committee then proceeded to discuss the statements and evidence recorded and decided that it was necessary to have translations made of all vernacular papers and to have the whole record printed before preparing the final report. The Committee ascertained that this would take at least a month and dispersed after deciding to reassemble for another week about the end of June or middle of July 1918 to pass the final report.

(Sd.) E. RODRIGUES,
Secretary.

The Committee were however unable to meet in July 1918 as there was delay in preparing the translation and in printing the record. The work proved to be much heavier than expected and was hampered by lack of materials due to the War. The record was not received from the printing presses till the end of April 1919.

The Committee required time to read it in its seven separate parts, and the 30th June 1919 was fixed for meeting to pass the final report. The Committee however, met on the 3rd July 1919 in the Chairman's Chambers in the High Court, Bombay, and on the 5th July 1919 passed the final report for submission to Government.

(Sd.) E. RODRIGUES,
Secretary.

NOTE.—The Committee invited witnesses Nos. 1 to 6, 8 to 11, 14, 16, 17, 19 to 21, 24 and 25 on the motion of the Collector and the remaining witnesses on the motion of Mr. Bhurgri out of 25 witnesses examined orally at Sukkur and Nos. 1 to 5, 9, 13, and 15 to 21 on the motion of the Collector and the remainder on the motion of Mr. Bhurgri out of the 21 witnesses whose written statements only were recorded at Sukkur.

The Committee invited witnesses Nos. 1 to 7 on the motion of the Collector, Nos. 8 to 15 on the motion of Mr. Bhurgri and Nos. 16 and 17 on their own motion out of the 17 witnesses examined orally at Larkana and Nos. 1 to 3, 5 and 10 on the motion of the Collector and the remainder on the motion of Mr. Bhurgri out of the 16 witnesses whose written statements only were recorded at Larkana.

The Committee invited witnesses Nos. 1 to 4, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15, 20, 21, 23, and 29 to 31 on the motion of the Collectors, Nos. 9, 12, 14, 16 to 19, 22, and 24 to 27 on the motion of Mr. Bhurgri and Nos. 5, 6 and 28 on their own motion out of the 31 witnesses examined orally at Hyderabad and Nos. 2, 4 to 6, 10 to 12, 17 to 20, 23, 26, 31, 32, 35, 46, 49, 52, 53, 55, 56, 59, 60, 62, 63 and 65 on the motion of the Collectors, Nos. 1, 3, 7 to 9, 13 to 16, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27 to 30, 33, 34, 36 to 40, 43 to 45, 47, 48, 50, 51, 54, 57, 58, 61, 64 and 66 on the motion of Mr. Bhurgri, No. 42 on their own motion, while No. 41 volunteered his statement out of the 66 witnesses whose written statements only were recorded at Hyderabad.

The Committee invited witnesses Nos. 1, 3, 6, 7 and 11 on the motion of the Collector, Nos. 10, 12, 13 and 16 on the motion of Mr. Bhurgri and Nos. 2, 4, 5 and 8 on their own motion, while No. 9 appeared voluntarily out of the 14 witnesses examined orally at Karachi and Nos. 3, 4, 6, 7, and 9 to 20 on the motion of the Collector, No. 5 on the motion of Mr. Bhurgri, Nos. 1 and 2 on their own motion, while Nos. 8 and 21 volunteered their statements out of the 21 witnesses whose written statements only were recorded at Karachi.

The Committee invited in all 47 witnesses on the motion of the Collectors, 31 on the motion of Mr. Bhurgri, 8 on their own motion, while 1 witness appeared voluntarily out of the 87 witnesses examined orally and 63 witnesses on the motion of the Collectors, 56 on the motion of Mr. Bhurgri, 2 on their own motion, while 3 volunteered statements out of the 124 witnesses whose written statements only were recorded at the various places where sittings were held in the province.