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No. 58. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 7th June 1871, No. 2,293 :—

From the Collector of the Godavery District, to the Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 29th April 1871, No. 144.

ADVERTING to the Board's Order, Miscellaneous No. 1,220, dated 19th October 1870, on the Proceedings of Government under date the 14th October 1870, Revenue Department, I have the honour to report that the extent cultivated under the six channels mentioned in paragraph 4 of the Government Proceedings, dated 28th September 1870, No. 2,335, Public Works Department, was 1,27,646 as intimated by me to the Superintending Engineer in my letter of the 16th November 1870, and not 1,23,007 acres. It includes Government, Zemindary, and Inam lands whether paying water-tax or exempt on the score of being usual wet. Zemindary lands have been, for the purposes of water-cess, measured from time to time by Curnums, and therefore the area is almost correct; but these lands have never been regularly surveyed.

2. Some information in respect to land irrigated by the Anicut water was preserved in the Huzoor, but not with sufficient details, of which an extract is annexed, Statement No. 1. It will be seen that Fusly 1257 (1847-48) is the first year of Anicut irrigation, and that ever since the total results have been recorded. It is not possible now to have the results classified according to their respective talooks owing to the amalgamation of talooks, transfers of villages from district to district, and above all the destruction of records. The village and talook records also had suffered from the same causes, and in most cases further particulars cannot be had in respect to first and second crop lands. As stated in my letter of 31st ultimo, second crop is merely such in name, because the crop is so termed with reference to the time of cultivation and not that two crops of paddy have been raised. In talooks the accounts of former years having been discarded, it is not possible to get very detailed information in respect to first and second crop lands. From Fusly 1272 there exists talookwar information for lands irrigated and subject to water-tax, and the same is given in Statement No. 2. Particulars of the same accompany the settlement reports. Special information was obtained from talooks from time to time, when particulars fuller than those contained in the Huzoor statements were required.

3. No attempts appear to have ever been made to tabulate the whole information for a series of years according to first and second crops, and this may be now done as far as practicable, if the Board prescribe a form with complete details. It should be villagewar. Correct information may be readily had from Fusly 1275.

4. Hitherto no other returns but those prescribed by Board have been prepared or kept in the Talooks or Huzoor.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

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5th July 1871.*

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2. The above statement does not give the area irrigated free of charge, nor is the large extent of land irrigated in the Baharzulli and Nidadavole Purganas on which water-rate is collected in a lump sum, included in it. The statement as it is cannot therefore be of much use to the Department of Public Works, whose object is to ascertain the aggregate area irrigated under the Anicut works during each year, and the water-rate charged thereon.

3. The Collector will be requested to prepare a statement in the accompanying form for each talook for as many years past as possible, and send an abstract of it to the Board for submission to Government. A similar statement should be prepared annually for each talook in future, and an abstract submitted with the Land Revenue Report.

4. If for any years the particulars of the first and second crops cannot be ascertained, the columns may be left blank and the total areas only entered.

5. For years for which talookwar particulars are not available, the form should be filled up for the district as far as possible.

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7. A copy of these Proceedings will be submitted to Government.

8. A copy will also be forwarded to the Collectors of Kistna and Nellore for the preparation of similar returns in their districts for as many years past as possible, and in the future.

No. 59.

ORDER THEREON, 5th July 1871, No. 1,779.

IRRIGATION, No. 4.

ORDERED to be recorded.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) J. CARPENDALE, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Augustin.

No. 2,293.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 7th June 1871.

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(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. G. Gole
Acting Secretary.

To the Collector of the Godavery District, with Form.

Copy to the Acting Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, with Form.

.. to the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, with do.

.. to the Officiating Collector of the Kistna District, with do.

to the Collector of Nellore, with do.

Exd. T. Cartledge.

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No. 2,293.

Area irrigated under ancient works—in Godavery District, and water-rate charged thereon,—Form in which information called for regarding, is to be submitted, prescribed.—Similar statements to be prepared and submitted every year with Land Revenue Report.—Collectors of Kistna and Nellore directed to prepare similar returns in their Districts for as many years past as possible, and in future.—Copy of these Proceedings submitted to Government.

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