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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Public Works Department,
24th April 1874.*

No. 302. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 9th March 1874, No. 520 :—

Read the following letters.

From J. B. PENNINGTON, Esq., Acting Collector of Trichinopoly, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 14th October 1873, No. 235.

WITH reference to Board's Proceedings, No. 5,904, dated 21st August last, giving cover to Government Proceedings, dated 21st August last, No. 2,089, and paragraph 1 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 29th June 1873, No. 1,069, on the notes of the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, I have the honour to report, for the information of the Board, that it appears from an examination of the Accounts that the whole extent of dry land in one taluq (Perambalur) has been included under the item "Dry land cultivated with dry crops but irrigated," apparently under a mistaken impression that the item was to show the extent of dry cultivation as well as that portion of it which was irrigated and showed the dry waste of

puttah lands under the item "Dry."*
* In the Enclosure A. to Statement No. 3. In the other taluqs "Permanently improved dry," i.e., lands for which water is raised by picottah either from channels, tanks, or old wells, and which are occasionally charged with a water-rate in addition where water runs on to the field of itself, or when they are watered from sources other than those appertaining to them, has been included under Item 2, together with "Dry land irrigated."

Item 2, Enclosure E. to Statement No. 3.

2. My own idea is that the dry lands which go by the name of "Permanently improved dry," for which the sources of irrigation generally are old wells which are really private sources of supply, though classed as Government wells in contradistinction to new wells constructed since 1857, should be *excluded*.

3. I am, therefore, preparing a statement to show the exact revenue derived from rice land (Nunjah) properly so called, and that derived from the irrigation of dry land (direct or indirect) from sources of supply which are unmistakeably "public."

4. In the meantime, however, I think it is desirable that so misleading a statement should be officially corrected as soon as possible, and, therefore, have the honour to submit a revised statement in the form published with the above Government Proceedings, which may be accepted as approximately correct so far as we understand what is intended to be shown by it.

5. It is, I think, to be regretted that a statement so palpably false on the face of it should form the basis of any statistical conclusions.

6. After the receipt of the informations from the taluq I shall submit revised statements (Enclosure E. to Statement No. 3) both for 1281 and 1282.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 and 2.—Statements.

From the same Officer, dated 17th January 1874, No. 9.

As promised in the last paragraph of my letter of 14th October last, No. 235, I have the honour to submit two revised Returns to be substituted for Enclosure E. to Jummahbundy Statement No. 3, both for the Revenue year 1281 and 1282.

2. The item "Dry" refers to purely dry land, the item "Dry land cultivated with dry crops but irrigated" refers to dry land cultivated with dry crops

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by the aid of Government water and to all *permanently improved dry land*, by which term in this district is meant land for which water is raised from old wells, tanks, etc., and which is cultivated with either dry crops or rice as the owner chooses, without any increase or decrease in the assessment. I was, therefore, obliged to include in the item this class of land when *cultivated with wet crops also*, because there is no other item in the Return which meets the case. The item "Dry converted into wet" includes all those dry lands which are cultivated with wet crops by the aid of Government water, and for which water-rate is charged; but such lands as have been permanently converted into wet were included under the item "Usual wet bearing a consolidated assessment."

3. The item at the foot of the return, "Inam lands irrigated free of charge," includes all irrigated Inam lands which pay no quit-rent. But as each Zemindari in the district pays a fixed consolidated rent for all wet and dry lands in it, I have left the item (Zemindari lands irrigated free of charge) *blank*. I hope I have correctly interpreted the meaning of each item in the Return according to the circumstances of this district; but still entertain some doubt as to what should be entered under the first item at the foot of the Return, viz., "Inam land irrigated free of charge," and I beg to be informed if it is intended to include *all* Inam lands irrigated free of charge from Government sources and from tanks, etc., kept up entirely at the expense of the Inamdars; or whether it is to represent only such Inam lands as are irrigated from Government sources alone. But tanks in Inam villages although kept up by the Inamdars are still (I suppose) Government property, because in those Inam cases where a quit-rent is charged for wet lands, the tanks which water them are, as a matter of course, kept up by the Inamdars, and I am, therefore, of opinion that the fixed extent of wet land in an entire Inam village must be brought under the item only if the Inam bears no quit-rent; and it is this course that I have adopted in the preparation of the enclosed returns.

4. The discrepancy noticed in the Board's Official Memorandum, No. 1,775, dated 14th November last, in the figures between the statement which accompanied my letter of 14th October, No. 235, and those in the Enclosure E. to Jummahbundy Statement No. 3, arose from the permanently improved dry lands having been included in the one and excluded in the other. I have also explained this in that letter.

5. The additional assessment entered in Column 5 of the Enclosure E. to Statement No. 3, is the difference between the dry assessment and the increased assessment due on the dry land converted into "Permanently improved dry" since Mr. Puckle's settlement.

6. I beg also to forward, herewith, a revised statement in the form submitted with my letter No. 235, of 14th October 1873, as directed in Board's Official Memorandum of 17th November 1873, No. 1,782.

ENCLOSURES Nos. 1 to 4.—Statements.

ADVERTING to paragraph 1 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 20th June 1873, No. 1,069, the Collector explains that in one taluq the whole extent of dry land was entered by mistake as irrigated, and that some other errors also have crept into the statement forwarded by him. He now submits a revised statement with reference to which the figures against Trichinopoly in the statement printed in G. O., dated 21st August 1873, No. 2,089, have to be altered as shown below:—

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		Figures shown in the Statement.	Correct figures to be entered.			Figures shown in the Statement.	Correct figures to be entered.
Column 2	...	2,23,315	42,893	Column 14	...	1,37,213	1,40,510
" 3	...	3,27,424	1,29,367	" 15	...	6,68,751	6,89,132
" 4	...	655	3,297	" 16	...	3,60,528	1,83,403
" 5	...	2,009	20,379	" 17	...	9,96,175	8,18,499
" 6	...	1,34,141	1,34,796	" 18	...	94,630	94,630
" 7	...	6,58,253	6,60,264	" 19	...	9,01,545	7,23,869
" 8	...			" 20	...	4,485	4,485
" 9	...			" 21	...	14,600	14,600
" 10	...	1,34,796	1,38,093	" 22	...	2,806	41,813
" 11	...	6,60,262	6,80,643	" 23	...	68	
" 12	...	2,417	2,417	" 24	...	3,67,887	2,29,701
" 13	...	8,489	8,489	" 25	...	9,16,145	7,38,469

2. The Secretary to Government in Public Works Department will be requested to cause the necessary alterations to be made in the statement. The totals for the Presidency should also of course be altered.

3. With reference to his inquiry in paragraph 3 of his letter, the Collector is informed that he is correct in supposing that only such Inams as pay neither quit-rent nor water-rate should be shown in Enclosure E. to Statement No. 3 under Lands "Irrigated free of charge." Inams irrigated subject to quit-rent or water-rate will appear in Enclosure A. to Statement No. 5. But as regards Zemindari lands, all such as are irrigated without paying *water-rate* should be shown as lands irrigated free of charge although the Peishcush paid on the Estates includes the value of water also. This is necessary as the portion of Peishcush originally charged on irrigated lands is not known, and consequently not included in the statement sent to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

No. 303. ORDER THEREON, 24th April 1874, No. 1,055.

IRRIGATION, No. 20.

ORDERED that the above Proceedings of the Board of Revenue be communicated to the Chief Engineer for

Irrigation, the Controller of Public Works Accounts, and all District Engineers, in order that the entries for the District of Trichinopoly and the totals in the statement printed in Proceedings Madras Government, 21st August 1873, No. 2,089, may be corrected.

2. Ordered also that copy of these Proceedings, with a corrected copy of the Order of the 21st August last, be transmitted to the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) G. W. WALKER, Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

No. 304. (DOCKET No. 1,056, dated 24th April 1874.)
Copy of the above forwarded to the Government of India.
(True Extract.)

Colonel, R.E.,

Secretary to Government.

Exd. S. T. Austin.
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G. G., 21th Aug. 1874, p. 1, 656.

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Nos. 302-304

FORWARDING copy of orders passed on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue submitting a revised Irrigation Revenue Statement relating to the Trichinopoly District for 1871-72.

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Proceedings of the Madras Government

Under date the 28 March 1874.

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Pres^{ts} of the Board of Rev^s (Here enter No 5207/9 March 1874)

Ordered that the above Proceedings of the Board of Revenue be communicated to the Chief Engineer for Irrigation, the Controller of Public Works Accounts, and all District Engineers in order that the entries for the District of Trichinopoly and the totals in the statement printed in Proc: Madras Govt: 21 Augt. 1873 No. 2089 may be corrected.

2 Ordered also that copy
of these Proceedings, with a correct
copy of the Order of the
21st August. be
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To The Chief Engineer for Irrigation & Government of India. -

— Controller of Pub: Works
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