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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 13*th July* 1858.

No. 5. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue; dated 11th June 1858, No. 2035.

Read the following replies to the Proceedings of the Board, dated 21st September 1854, on the subject of the Return of cultivable and uncultivable lands transmitted by the Honorable Court of Directors for verification.

From Ganjam, dated 29th March in Cons. 12th April 1855.
„ Vizagapatam, dated 29th March in Cons. 5th April 1855.
„ Rajahmundry, dated 18th August in Cons. 2nd September 1856.
„ Masulipatam, dated 19th in Cons. 29th September 1856.
„ Guntoor, dated 13th in Cons. 21st July 1855.
„ Nellore, dated 18th October in Cons. 2nd November 1854.
„ Cuddapah, dated 5th in Cons. 11th September 1855.
„ Bellary, dated 10th in Cons. 25th September „
„ Kurnool, dated 7th June in Cons. 8th Sept. „
„ Chingleput, dated 6th in Cons. 11th December 1854.
„ North Arcot, dated 14th July in Cons. 18th August 1856.
„ South Arcot, dated 3rd in Cons. 12th April 1855.
„ Tanjore, dated 30th January in Cons. 5th February 1855.
„ Trichinopoly, dated 19th February in Cons. 5th March 1855.
„ Madura, dated 7th in Cons. 11th August 1855.
„ Tinnevelly, dated 15th March in Cons. 2nd July 1855.
„ Coimbatore, dated 29th June in Cons. 9th July 1855.
„ Salem, dated 27th February in Cons. 11th June „
„ Canara, dated 3rd in Cons. 10th August 1855.
„ Malabar, dated 30th October in Cons. 20th November 1854.
„ Madras, dated 4th in Cons. 7th December 1854.

Resolved that these letters be submitted for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

In Cons. 24th Augt. 1824. 2. With Extract Minutes Consultation, No. 856, Revenue Department, dated 22nd July 1854, the Board received from Government a Return (prepared by the Honorable Court of Directors on a call from the House of Commons,) shewing separately the total area of the several districts in the Madras Presidency and the proportion of irrigated and dry land in each district with their assessment. The Board were instructed to verify the figures in this Account and to supply the further particulars as to the extent of "Barren" and "Uncultivated Land" and of "Enams" indicated by the headings of columns 8, 9, and 10. To these orders they replied in a letter dated 24th August 1854, affording such information as their records furnished, pointing out certain inaccuracies in the Return and explaining that it was not in their power without a revenue survey of the entire Presidency, to state the actual extent of Waste land fit for cultivation. It was at the same time intimated to Government that copies of the Board's Proceedings would be forwarded to the district authorities in order that the return might be rendered more complete by such additional information as they could contribute.

3. This was accordingly done and the foregoing replies have been received containing (as will be seen from the accompanying Precis) little or no information of importance.

4. Government will also perceive that the figures given by the Board in enclosure A of their former communication, have been either expressly or tacitly confirmed by all the Collectors except two* the difference in whose statements however has been traced satisfactorily as a reference to the accompanying explanatory Memo, will show.

* *Bellary and Guntoor.*

5. The particulars shewn by the Collector of Rajahmundry, do not agree with those contained in the Court's Return and Board's Statement, but this is easily accounted for as Mr. Purvis obtained his results from the accounts for other Fuslies besides those of Fusly 1260, which alone were referred to by the Board and apparently by the Court also.

6. The only Districts which have attempted to supply the information necessary to fill up Cols. 8 and 9 are Rajahmundry, Masulipatam, Guntoor, North and South Arcot, Tinnevelly, Bellary Cuddapah, and Madura, but owing to the prevalent uncertainty in regard to the exact total area of each District, the imperfection of the Pymaish and subsequent changes in some Districts, and to the existence of Zemindaries &c. (from which accounts are not always obtainable and are often untruthful) in others, the information offered on those heads is acknowledged to be untrustworthy.

7. The Collector of Tanjore has furnished the particulars necessary in order to include his District in the Statement B which accompanied the Board's former communication to Government and the Collector of Salem states that he gives similar information, but his figures include the Mootahs, Polipats &c. in the District, which were omitted for the Districts in the Board's Return.

8. Such being the character of the information obtained from the local officers it would obviously be injudicious to bring it forward as possessing any statistical value especially as the General Survey and Revision of Assessment will afford reliable data for compiling a Statement of the area and distribution of lands under this Presidency.

9. The Board have therefore submitted the letters above recorded simply to shew the result of the application they had engaged themselves to make and would suggest that the subject should for the present be dropped.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, *Secretary.*

No. 6. ORDER THEREON, No. 935; dated 8th July 1858.

The information contained in the papers submitted with the foregoing Proceedings, has been furnished to the Board at so late a date, and is of so indefinite a character, that it is practically useless for the purpose for which it was required. Resolved therefore that the Board's Proceedings be recorded.

(Signed) T. PYCROFT,
Chief Secretary.

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No. 2035.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 11th June 1858.

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Resolved that these letters be submitted for the information of the Right Honorable the Governor in Council.

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3. This was accordingly done and the foregoing replies have been received containing (as will be seen from the accompanying Precis) little or no information of importance.

4. Government will also perceive that the figures given by the Board in enclosure A of their former communication, have been either expressly or tacitly confirmed by all the Collectors except two* the difference in whose statements however has been traced satisfactorily as a reference to the accompanying explanatory Memo, will show.

* Bellary and Guntoor.

5. The particulars shewn by the Collector of Rajahmundry, do not agree with those contained in the Court's Return and Board's Statement, but this is easily accounted for as Mr. Purvis obtained his results from the accounts for other Fuslies besides those of Fusly 1260, which alone were referred to by the Board and apparently by the Court also.

6. The only Districts which have attempted to supply the information necessary to fill up Cols. 8 and 9 are Rajahmundry, Masulipatam, Guntoor, North and South Arcot, Tinnevelly, Bellary, Cuddapah, and Madura, but owing to the prevalent uncertainty in regard to the exact total area of each District, the imperfection of the Pymaish and subsequent changes in some Districts, and to the existence of Zemindaries &c. (from which accounts are not always obtainable and are often untruthful) in others, the information offered on those heads is acknowledged to be untrustworthy.

7. The Collector of Tanjore has furnished the particulars necessary in order to include his District in the Statement B which accompanied the Board's former communication to Government and the Collector of Salem states that he gives similar information, but his figures include the Mootahs, Poliputs &c. in the District, which were omitted for the Districts in the Board's Return.

8. Such being the character of the information obtained from the local officers it would obviously be injudicious to bring it forward as possessing any statistical value especially as the General Survey and Revision of Assessment will afford reliable data for compiling a Statement of the area and distribution of lands under this Presidency.

9. The Board have therefore submitted the letters above recorded simply to shew the result of the application they had engaged themselves to make and would suggest that the subject should for the present be dropped.

(A true Extract.)

S. D. Pater

Secretary.

To

W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., *Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.*

Copy to all Collectors (except Sea Customs) for information.

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PRECIS *of replies received to the Board's Proceedings No.* 2165, *dated* 21*st September* 1854, *and referred to in para* 4 *of the Board's Proceedings to Government dated* 11*th June* 1858.

Ganjam. The Acting Collector of this District states that he has no information to give beyond that contained in his last Jummabundy report, the District (with the exception of the three estates of Wadada, Itchapore, and Poobaconda,) never having been thoroughly surveyed. Even a close approximation to the extent of each discription of land is readered difficult by the uncertain use of the terms Burnum and Garce (land measures of the Ganjam district,) and the peculiar nature of the settlement prevalent among the Zemindars.

N. B.—The blanks in Cols. 2 and 4 of the Court's Return were supplied by the Board in their former letter and Statement, Vide paras 2 and 7.

Vizagapatam. 2. States that the Courts return embraces only the lands actually in cultivation during Fusly 1263 in Survasiddy and Golgondah Talooks omitting Government Zemindary and Proprietary Estates throughout the Collectorate, the return also omits lands not assessed to the revenue as Agraharums, Enams &c., He has no means of stating extent of lands under cultivation, barren and waste, probably half of the District composed of Mountain and Jungle land is uncultivable.

Vide the above N. B. and also para 13 of the Board's letter.

Rajahmundry. 3. Forwards a statement but is afraid that it will throw very little light upon the subject, neither the Court's nor the Board's figures (Vide Enclosure A) agree with the Collectors. At foot Mr. Purvis states that the quantity of cultivated land shewn in the Honorable Court of Directors' return does not agree with the cultivation return of any Fusly and that the assessment shewn is for the land *taken up* in Fusly 1260 but not cultivated. The particulars given by the Collector in column 1 to 7 are from the Demand Collection and Balance statements for Fusly 1260 and in columns 8 to 11 from the Jummabundy accounts of Fusly 1263 excepting the total area of the Proprietary and Zemindary Estates which is taken from the accounts of Fusly 1261, and there are no accounts for Fusly 1263 to shew this.

Masulipatam. 4. Confirms Board's remarks (vide para 7) on columns 1, 3 and 5 of Court's return and adds that column 7 shews land revenue including permanent Peshcush. States that a return was prepared in 1854, from the village accounts which gives the total area of the District at acres 23,79,683, but that any calculations made from the particulars* there given would be absolutely worthless as the area of 13 villages calculated by survey pupils shews an increase of 10,000 acres in excess of the old accounts.

*Barren Land.	*Uncultivated Red Land.	Enam.	Cultivated.
7,30,680	7,71,818	4,72,325	4,04,257

Columns 2 and 4 which were left blank in the Court's Return were supplied by the Board.

Guntoor. 5. Sends a statement prepared from Jummabundy accounts of Fusly 1260 which differs to a slight extent from the figures in the Court's return* as well as in that of the Board.

*Vide Explanatory Memo accompanying this Precis.

Chingleput. 6. This is one of the 10 Districts included in statement B enclosed in Board's letter. The Collector adds nothing to the particulars there given, except that he states that if ⅓ of the area of the whole District be taken to represent land under Zemindary &c. tenure (on a loose estimate) and added to the extent shewn as Ryotwary, the result would be a total area of 18,00,000 acres which does not fall much short of the extent determined by the Trigonometrical survey. Remarks that much of the waste included in the Ayacut is in its present state uncultivable being covered with Rock and Jungle.

Salem. 7. Furnishes particulars required in order to include his District in statement B but explains that the total area (Column 7) given by him includes Moottahs, Polliputs, Jagheers, Zemindaries &c. and is taken from accounts of Fusly 1267, A. D. 1837-38, which are the latest returns for Jaury as well as Amany lands.

Madura. 8. Confirms Board's entries in enclosure A* and furnishes a Statement† of "land cultivated" "fit for cultivation" and "Barren" but states that these figures cannot be relied on and besides are not applicable to the present time as they are taken in many instances from old accounts. Is not aware how 10,700 square miles have been fixed as the extent of Madura—it is too much.

*Which accompanied Board's former letter to Government.

†Inclusive of Cultivation.

Zemindary &c.	Fit for Cultivation.	Barren
11,05,908	17,53,686	5,56,859

Nellore. 9. Confirms Board's entries in enclosure A but states that the explanations offered by the Board (para 19) in respect of the discrepancies in the Court's Return do

not quite meet them. He states that—first, the compiler has deducted the extent of irrigated land engaged but not cultivated from the extent of unirrigated *cultivated* (and *not engaged* as the Board said.)

Second, the following two items are omitted from the Return viz.

Stulla Curnum Russooms	Rs.	12,381	13	0
Nuzzurs and Russoofus	,,	8,206	4	5
		20,588	1	5

being nearly the exact difference between the Court's and Board's figures (see Column 28.)

North Arcot. 10. Statement furnished by the Collector corresponds with that of the Board.

South Arcot. 11. Forwards statement shewing particulars* *on average from Fusly* 1254 *to Fusly* 1263 the Teerwah on the resumed Jaghire being estimated.

*Total Cultivation. Acres 6,07,185. Alienated. 1,30,262.
Cultivable but Waste Acres. 12,97,547. Unassessed Barren. 10,79,239.

Tanjore. 12. Supplies particulars necessary in order to include his District in Statement B.

Trichinopoly. 13. Trichinopoly is included in Statement B. The Collector confirms the Board's remarks (para 4) and has nothing further to add.

Canara and Malabar. 14. Neither the Court's nor the Board's Returns shew any particulars for Canara except the total area taken from Trigonometrical survey Memo. and the Land Revenue, and the Collector states that he can give no information as no Survey was ever made and the country in many parts is covered by dense jungle and forests. The same remarks apply to Malabar the Collector of which District states that he has nothing of importance to add.

Tinnevelly. 15. Confirms Court's figures (between which and the Board's enclosure A there appears a slight difference as regards extent of land) but states that the former include 2nd. crop cultivation as he shews distinctly in the statement he forwards. Supplies particulars of Columns 8, 9, 10, and 11, and states that the difference between his account and that of the Court's in column 11 arises from the latter including the whole district while the former shews only the Government Iyen lands. Accounts for the disproportion between cultivated and uncultivated lands.

Bellary. 16. Confirms Court's figures (from which the Board's some-what differ*) in columns 1 to 7 but states that the land Revenue shewn in column 7 is not the Demand on account of Assessment shewn in column 6 but is made up of other items particularized by him. Supplies particulars for columns 8, 9, 10 and 11. Explains how these have been obtained from the old accounts and states changes may have taken place since then of which no accounts are forthcoming

*Vide explanatory Memo accompanying this Precis.

Cuddapah. 17. Forwards statements by which it appears that the Court's and Board's figures are correct except column 5 the area shewn in which ought to be increased by acres 50,000, the extent of Poonganoor. Supplies columns 8, 9, and 10 from the Pymaish, but states that a considerable quantity of cultivable land has since become barren from causes particularized, and also that the Pymaish was not strictly accurate &c.

Kurnool. 18. Forwards a statement differing in some particulars from enclosures B, but shews in his 11 and 12 columns particulars of only the Circar Ayacut, irrespective of enam lands, which precludes the alteration of enclosure B according to this new statement.

19. States that column 2 of the Court's Return does not apparently include the Ayacut of Bungunpully Jagheer as remarked by the Board in para 20, of their letter to Government.

Coimbatore. 20. Confirms Board's statement of area which differs from that of the Court and gives the reason for the difference, supplies columns 9, 10, 11, but is not sure that the Barren land shewn is correct, as jungles were omitted in the Survey accounts of several talooks. Accounts for the difference in total area shewn by the Court and the District accounts.

Madras. 21. States that in the Extract from the Trigonometrical Survey, Madras is incorrectly entered as included in Chingleput, and that in the Court's Return only the irrigated land is shown whereas it would have been more correct to enter in column 5 the whole land occupied and charged with Quit Rent. Gives an abstract of the information furnished by Mr. Ellis in his Report of 1852.

G O Sirkar

Secretary.

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Enclosure
to the Revenue Board's
Proceedings
dated 21st June 1858.
(No. 2935)

Revd 25th June

Precis of preliminary proceedings
of the Revenue Board in
this district dated 21st September 1858
and referred to in the 4th para of
the Board's Proceedings of the
same number dated 21st June
1858.

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Memo. explaining the differences between the figures now given by the Collectors mentioned below and those given in the Statement prepared in the Board's Office.

Districts.	Items.		As per statement prepared in the Board's Office.	As per statement submitted by the Collector.	Remarks.
Guntoor...	Irrigated..	Land.....	Acres 31,216	31,297	In the extent of land both "Irrigated" and "Dry," differences are observable between the Return furnished by the Collector and that prepared in the Board's Office. The difference in the irrigated land is owing to certain cultivation made subsequent to the Jamabundy having been included in the Collector's Statement, and that in "Dry" is in consequence of portions of fields left uncultivated having been included in the Collector's Return. Similar differences are observable as regards the gross assesament of the land is entered while in the Collector's Return, the net settlement exclusive of remissions is given.
		Assessment..	Rs. 2,16,487	1,98,986	
	Dry.....	Land.....	Acres 6,59,344	6,80,947	
		Assessment..	Rs. 11,33,264	9,78,467	
	Total...	Land.....	Acres 6,90,560	7,12,245	
		Assessment..	Rs. 13,54,751	11,77,453	
	Jamabundy Beriz.....		,, 14,03,059	14,03.059	
Bellary....	Irrigated..	Land.....	Acres 1,51,745	1,49,514	The differences observable in this district are in consequence of the Board's Statement including certain Shamilat waste and its assessment which are excluded from the Collector's Return.
		Assessment..	Rs. 13,65,590	13,43,287	
	Dry.....	Land.....	A 17,91,311	17,32,562	
		Assessment..	Rs. 14,79,481	14,69,247	
	Total...	Land.....	A 19,43,056	19,32,076	
		Assessment..	Rs. 28,45,071	28,12,534	
	Jamabundy Beriz.....		,, 22,43,162	22,43,162	

G J Forbes

Secretary.

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No 935

Extract from the Minutes of Consultation

Under date the 8th Jany, 1855.

Read the following

Extract from the Proceedings of the

Board of Revenue.

Submitting with the Board's Remarks, the triplicate of the Several Collectors on the Subject of the Return of cultivable and uncultivable lands transmitted by the Honorable Court for verification, with their Dispatch dated 30th May 1854 No 2.

/ Rec'd 11th June 1855 No 2035 /

The information contained in the papers submitted with the foregoing Proceedings, has been furnished by the B[oard] at so late a date, and is of so indefinite a character that it is practically useless for the purpose for which it was required. Resolved therefore that the Board's Proceedings be recorded.

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Extract Minute of Coun.

Dated 8th July 58

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The information called for on the subject of the cultivable and uncultivable lands having been furnished by the Collectors of the Districts to which it was required the Bd. Proceedings submitting the information are directed to be recorded.

No. 546.