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Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department, 6th September 1861.

No. 53. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 13th August 1861, No. 4,395 :—

Read the following letters.

From Trichinopoly, No. 29, dated 27th February, in Cons. 9th March 1861, My. No. 653.
" " " 32, " 2nd " 9th " " 654.
" " " 36, " 8th " 16th " " 717.

Mahadavapuram. Pavoy.
Serugamony. Sriparanthan.
Areamungalum. Penaconum.
Manakal. Alathudayan Putty.
Nunny. Sripuputhur.

1. Resolved that the Field Registers of the villages noted in the margin, received with the foregoing letters, be returned with the following remarks on the results of their examination in this Office.

2. In all the Registers under notice, additional columns were opened beyond those provided by the Standard Form for the insertion of the particulars noted in the margin. Of these the Board consider that items two and three ought not to have been included in the Register. The information as to the kind of crop raised will vary every year, and is not, therefore, likely to be of any use in a permanent Register. The rates of assessment on each description and class of land should have been given in the opening of the Statement, as was proposed by the Board and sanctioned by Government, and not in the body of the Register. The Registers as at present prepared have been rendered unnecessarily bulky.

1. Names of Puttadars or Inámdárs.
2. Kind of crop raised.
3. Rate of assessment per cawny.

Board's Proceedings, dated 21st December 1858, No. 4,692, para. 8.
Ex. Mins. Cons., dated 28th February 1859, No. 256, para. 5.

3. In regard to Inám lands, it was ordered by Government, that in the remark column, particulars should be briefly entered of the purpose for which the Inam was granted, the order upon which it is held, whether it is hereditary or otherwise, and the quit-rent if any payable by the Inámdár. This has not been done, and some instances in which the omission occurs, are entered in the margin.

Manakal in Lalgudy Táluq.

	C.	G.	A.
No. 634...	1	40	10
" 698..	1	40	10

Penaconum in Volcondapuram.

	C.	G.	A.
No. 31...	0	33	13
" 212...	1	3	2

4. In the column headed " Class," lands appear to have been arranged in reference to the nature of their soil, such as *Corisel* lands are put into the first class, *Sevel* into the second, and so on, while according to paragraph 3 of the notes on the Ryotwar Rules, at page 77 of the Village Manual, lands bearing the highest mamool assessment should have been ranked in the first class, those standing next lower, in the second, and so on with the rest. The entries in the Registers show that in several cases, lands in the fifth class bear a higher assessment than those in the fourth, and so on, which would not have been the case had the course pointed out in the Village Manual been followed.

Alathudayan Putty.

		Assessment per cawny.		
No. 9 ...	4th Class	1	7	0
" 6 ...	do.	2	13	11
" 7 ...	5th Class	2	2	10

Nunny.
Pavoy.

5. Moreover, the classes of lands in the Registers of the villages noted in the margin, are not expressed by the ordinal numbers, but are designated by certain names such as Golcoody, Nattar, &c. The lands should have been arranged into classes in the manner prescribed in the Manual of Village Accounts, or explanation of the differing modes of classification should have been afforded in a foot note.

6. It is further observed in the Registers of these two villages, that the assessments are not entered for several fields, and no reasons are apparent, or assigned for the omission except in the case of Porumboke and Anady waste lands.

7. In some of these Registers, for instance in that of Areamungalum in Lalgudy Táluq, the columns intended to show the direction and measurement are left blank. These omissions should also be supplied if practicable.

Nunny. Penaconum. Pavoy. Alathudayan Putty. Sriparantham.

8. In these Registers the fields are not entered in the order of their numbers, and the result is that when a particular number has to be referred to in the Register, search will have to be made through the whole Book.

In No. 37.

9. In the village of Mahadavapuram the total assessment of Cawnies, 3, Goolies 15, As. 11, at Rupees 19-5 per cawny is entered at Rupees 22-5-6, but either the extent of land is wrongly given, or else the calculation is erroneous.

10. Some other inaccuracies are pointed out below, and the Collector is requested to have the Registers carefully re-examined and corrected :—

		Whether one crop or two crops.	Class	Rates per cawny.	Calculated by the Curnums.		Calculated in this Office.	
					Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
				RS. A. P.	C. G. A.	RS. A. P.	C. G. A.	RS. A. P.
In Enclosure 1 to Register A of the Village of Manakal.		2	1	11 15 10	122 35 9	1,518 14 9	122 35 9	1,466 15 10
		1	2	6 5 3	394 33 8	2,550 10 11	394 33 8	2,495 6 3
In the totals of Enclosure 1 to Register A.	Sriplaputhur.	2	3	8 4 4	32 90 7	272 2 5	30 67 10	250 2 0
	Areamungalum	2	3	13 4 10	84 72 0	1,126 6 10	84 93 14	1,129 4 4

In Cons. 27th October 1859, No. 5,325.

Resolved that these Proceedings be communicated to Government, with reference to their Order, dated 25th October 1859, No. 1,445.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON, *Secretary.*

No. 54. ORDER THEREON, 6th September 1861, No. 1,772.

The Government can have very little confidence in these Registers, in the mere form and preparation of which (leaving the important point of accuracy quite out of the question) so many errors have been made as noticed in these Proceedings. The Board should request their colleague, Mr. Pelly, in the course of his present tour, to look over some of the Registers with the Collectors, and especially to inquire into their accuracy. This will not give Mr. Pelly much trouble ; and his report to his colleagues will enable them to form a more reliable opinion of the value of the registers.

(Signed) J. D. SIM,
Secretary to Government.

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