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Revenue **DEPARTMENT.**

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No. 140. Read the following letter from G. THORNHILL, Esq., Acting Collector of Kistna, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Masulipatam, 24th August 1861, No. 21:—

SIR,

1. In reply to the Order of Government, dated 18th June last, No. 1,214, restoring the Gudur Parganá to Rájá Bommadavara Naganna Náyudu, and calling upon me to report what amount of Peshkash should be fixed on the Estate with reference to its present resources, I have the honor to submit herewith a Statement showing the extent of cultivation, and the revenue collected from the Estate, both prior and subsequent to the application of Anicut irrigation, which came into play in Fasli 1265.

	Average cultivation of lands.				
	Dry.	Dry converted into wet.	Garden.	Wet.	Total.
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
From 1261 to 1264 or prior to the construction of Anicut.	4,475	..	...	3,279	7,751
From 1265 to 1270 or subsequent to the construction of Anicut.	4,445	551	6	5,876	10,879
Increase.....	..	551	6	2,597	3,125 Net increase.
Decrease....	30	..	..	..	..

	Rs.	A.	P.
	2	13	9
	2	3	3
	5	1	0
Average.....	2	8	6

	Acres.
Ayacut.....	39,662
Deduct Porumboke.....	12,359
Remainder.....	27,303

Particulars.	Dry.	Garden.	Wet.	Total.
Seri.....	9,454	82	9,875	19,411
Ináms Agraharams.....	2,034	..	5,858	7,892
Total....	11,488	82	15,733	27,303

Dry Ayacut.....		9,454
Deduct dry under cultivation.....	4,508	
Dry × Wet.....	808	
In Fasli 1270.....		5,316
Remainder.....		4,138
Wet Ayacut.....		9,874
Deduct under cultivation in Fasli 1270.....		6,393
Remainder..		3,481

2. The first period comprises from Fasli 1261 to 1265, both inclusive. The Estate came into the hands of Government in Fasli 1261, and no accurate accounts of the former years, during the Zamíndári management, could be obtained. The second period extends from Fasli 1265 to 1270.

3. It will be observed from the Statement that the average cultivation of the dry lands has varied but little, while the cultivation of the wet lands has much increased. This increase is chiefly in the wet Ayacut. The total area cultivated before the construction of the anicut was 7,754 acres on average, whereas the average of the subsequent cultivation comes up to 10,879, the difference being 3,125 acres. The average cist per acre of usual wet land is Rupees 2-13-9, and of dry converted into wet is Rupees 2-3-3, the average of these two is Rupees 2-8-6.

4. It will be observed from the Statement that cultivation is steadily increasing, and there is a fair prospect of further increase by the conversion of more dry lands into wet, and by more waste land of the wet Ayacut also being brought under the plough.

5. The Ayacut of the whole Estate, as per account prepared in Fasli 1266, is shown in the margin. It will be seen that 4,139 acres of dry land, and 3,481 acres of wet land, are still waste, it is improbable that there will be much extension of dry cultivation as it has been stationary for about 10 years; but, as the Anicut works become perfected, it is probable that much of both dry and wet waste will come under wet cultivation. It is, however, impossible to say how much or how soon.

* Increase in the area cultivated since the construction of Anicut ..... Acres. 3,125

Average cist per acre, vide paragraph 3 ..... RS. A. P. 2 8 6

Then 3,125 at Rupees 2-8-6

AS.				
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8	=	½	6,250	
0 6	=	1/16	1,562	8 0
			97	10 6
Rupees.....			7,910	2 6

		RS.	A.	P.
Original Peshkash		26,600	0	0
Deduct the Peshkash on alienated villages, viz., Chittigudúr	530			
Rayavaram	979			
Gollapallem and Sultanagaram	249			
Pina Gudúr Lanka	319			
Davarapalli	541			
		2,609	0	0
Remainder		23,991	0	0
Add the profits from Anicut works		7,910	0	0
Total		31,901	0	0
Deduct charges and profit for Zamíndár on the said Rupees 7,910.				
Charges at 10 per cent	791			
Profit at Rupees 6-9-6 per cent	521			
		1,312	0	0
Remainder		30,589	0	0
Deduct also cattle fines as entered in the Circuit Committe's Accounts		90		
Net		30,499	0	0

† Translation of Arzi enclosed.

6. The value of the Estate now is, taking the average of five years,* Rs. 7,910 more than it was before the Anicut was constructed; and if it be desired to fix a permanent Peshkash on the present value, the simple plan will be to add that sum, minus collection, expenses and profit to Proprietor, as shown in the margin, to the former Peshkash; the present Peshkash will then be Rupees 30,499. But as the increase in the value of the Estate is due exclusively, or nearly so, to increased wet cultivation, it will probably be better not to enhance the fixed Peshkash; but, leaving that as it now stands, to impose a water rate on the irrigated lands, and the Zamíndár† himself has expressed a wish to this effect.

7. On the dry converted into wet, of course, the fixed rate of 3 Rupees an acre would be levied, subject to a deduction of 10 per cent. for collecting, as is allowed to other Zamíndárs, and it will only remain to determine in what manner the wet Ayacut should be treated.

8. With regard to the other Zamíndáris now in possession of Zamíndárs, I suggested to the Board that the average of cultivated lands should be supplied with water gratis; and that all beyond that lying within the limits of the wet Ayacut, should be charged as imperfectly irrigated land at 1½ Rupees per acre.

9. My proposition was made with reference to the supposed right of the Zamíndár to water for the entire area of wet Ayacut; for, although only a portion of the wet Ayacut had been irrigated in former years, still, it was looked upon as wet land to which water could be supplied by the old works under favorable circumstances.

In their Proceedings, dated 6th July 1861, No. 3,565, they have recorded their opinion on this point as regards Ináms.

10. The Board, however, are of opinion, that in such cases, either the whole wet Ayacut should be treated as imperfectly irrigated, and all charged at 1½ Rupees an acre, or that deducting the average of cultivation, the rest should be treated as dry converted into wet, and charged at the full rate of Rupees 3 an acre.

11. As in the present instance, the Zamíndár is placed in possession of the Estate by the grace of Government, and has no rights to plead, it rests with the Government to determine summarily on what principle the water rate shall in future be imposed. A Statement is annexed showing the amounts which will be realized under the different systems above mentioned.

12. The only other point to be noticed is the mode in which the water rate is to be collected. The Government and Board have expressed wishes that endeavours should be made to enter into a composition with Zamíndárs, for the entire amount to be paid without measuring the lands, or in any way interfering with them, in the management of their Estates.

13. I have given the subject my best consideration, and have communicated both with the Zamíndárs and the District Engineer on the subject, the former have been entirely unable to make any suggestions, and the latter is clearly of opinion that in the present state of the works, it would be extremely difficult to give even an approximate estimate of the quantity of water received by any village, or tract of country; and that, even if such estimate were made by actually testing the depths of the channels, and the velocity of the water at different points

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in a channel at one time in the season, the information gathered then would be utterly useless a few weeks later, owing to the enormous rapidity with which silt is deposited, and the water way of the channels diminished.

14. Under these circumstances, the only course that I can suggest is that hitherto pursued, viz., by measuring the lands actually watered every year. This will entail an expense of about Rupees 150 a year for the Gudur Parganá, and should any other system be found to answer hereafter, it can of course be applied to this Estate in common with others.

No. 141. ORDER THEREON, 10th October 1861, No. 1,962.

Referred, together with the Order of Government dated 18th June last, No. 1,214, Revenue Department, for the opinion of the Board of Revenue, who are requested to report without delay.

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

Copy in a Letter to Govt
Dy 12th August No 7907/63
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In a letter from the
Acting Collector of
Kistna District dated
24th August 1861

No 71

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Statement shewing
the extent of Cultivation,
the Jamabandi sist, &
Collection of the Gudiem
Paraganah from Fasli
1261 to 1270, since its
reversion to Government

In No 6471 of 1861
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Statement shewing the extent of cultivation, the Jamabandi Sist, and Collection of the Guduri Pargannah from Faslis 1261 to 1270 since its reversion to Government.

Faslies		Extent of Cultivation and Sist.																											
		Dry								Dry Converted into Wet								Garden						Usual Wet					
		Land		Sist			Average per Acre			Land		Sist			Average per Acre		Land		Sist			Average per Acre	Land		Sist			Average per Acre	
		Acres.		Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Acres.		Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Acres.		Rs.	As.	P.	Rs. As. P.	Acres.		Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As. P.
Assessed to the annual irrigation	1261	4544	3	5182	10	9	1	2	3														3440	23	15520	4	2	4	8 3
	1262	4894	16	5437	10	11	1	1	9														3346	30	12821	7	5	3	13 4
	1263	4200	2	4476	8	4	1	1	1														2506	19	8810	9	6	3	8 2
	1264	4261	37	4378	8	4	1	-	5														3823	6	13284	1	8	3	7 7
	Total	17900	18	19475	6	4	.	.	.														13116	38	50436	6	9	-	- -
Average		4475	5	4868	13	7	1	1	5														3279	9	12609	1	8	3	13 6
Since the Commencement of Annual Irrigation	1265	4186	32	4228	12	9	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	17	39	177	7 9 13 7	14483	14	14776	7	10	3	4 9
	1266	5123	12	4798	14	9	-	15	-	653	26	671	-	3	1	- 5	17	7	169	11 10 9	14 2	6 4 5 1	-	17202	1	9	2	10 8
	1267	4087	3	4332	5	5	1	1	-	617	10	1043	7	6	1	11 1	-	29	9	11 -	13 5 10	5655	22	16325	6	9	2	14 2
	1268	4537	24	4796	-	7	1	-	11	584	22	1534	3	8	2	10 -	1	5	15	12 6	14 -	5 6088	13	17231	12	8	2	13 3
	1269	4231	1	4408	13	2	1	-	8	643	10	1489	8	1	2	5 -	-	29	9	11 -	13 5 10	6186	11	17485	8	1	2	13 3
	1270	4508	5	4548	14	8	1	-	2	807	39	2545	-	7	2	2 5	-	29	9	11 -	13 5 10	6392	11	17785	5	6	2	12 6
	Total	26673	37	27113	13	4	...	-	-	3306	27	7283	4	1	-	- -	38	18	391	9 11	...	-	35257	31	108806	10	7	-	- -
Average		4445	26	4518	15	7	1	-	3	551	5	1213	14	-	2	3 3	6	16	65	4 11	10 3 2	5876	12	18301	1	9	2	13 9
Total of ten years		44374	15	46589	3	8	...	-	-	3306		27 7283	14	1	-	- -	38	18	391	9 11	...	-	48374	29	151243	1	4	-	- -
Average		4457	17	4658	14	9	1	-	9	330		27 728	5	3	2	3 4	3	34	39	2 7	10 - 2 9	4837	19	15124	4	11	3	2 -

Total					Demand as per Settlement									Collection								
					Items.																	
Land		Amount of Sist			Land Revenue			Ready Money Collections			Hattabadj Inams			Bilmaktah Peij & Mokhasa & Agraharams			Total					
Acres.		Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.
7984	26	20702	14	11	21282	2	8	921	11	9	771	12	1	420	13	-	23396	7	6	23118	7	5
8241	6	18259	2	4	23840	13	3	335	-	3	866	5	2	420	13	-	25462	15	8	24689	13	5
6706	21	13287	1	10	19057	8	4	327	6	3	866	5	2	420	13	-	20672	-	9	20170	4	4
8085	3	17662	10	-	24300	8	7	192	8	3	866	5	2	420	13	-	25780	3	-	25766	5	3
31017	16	69911	13	1	88481	-	10	1776	10	6	3370	11	7	1583	4	-	95311	10	11	93744	14	5
7754	14	17477	15	3	22120	4	2	444	2	8	842	10	11	420	13	-	23827	14	9	23436	3	7
8688	5	19182	5	2	25130	12	6	569	5	5	871	8	5	420	13	-	26992	7	4	26988	7	4
12245	5	22841	12	7	25259	3	7	787	3	9	871	8	5	420	13	-	27338	12	9	27338	12	9
10360	24	21710	14	8	25972	6	1	417	6	9	921	8	5	420	13	-	27732	2	3	27732	2	3
11211	24	23577	13	5	29324	13	5	506	11	3	921	8	5	420	13	-	31173	14	1	31173	14	1
11061	11	23393	8	4	27887	3	6	461	-	3	921	8	5	420	13	-	29690	3	2	29577	14	11
11710	4	24888	15	9	30057	12	7	393	11	8	921	8	5	420	13	-	31793	13	8	31634	4	9
65276	33	139595	5	11	163632	3	8	3135	7	1	8429	2	6	2524	14	-	174721	11	3	174465	8	1
10879	19	22599	3	8	27272	-	7	532	9	2	904	13	9	420	13	-	29120	4	6	29079	9	4
96294	9	205567	3	-	252113	4	6	4912	1	7	8799	14	1	4208	2	-	270033	6	2	268210	6	6
9629	17	20580	11	6	25211	6	3	491	3	4	879	15	10	420	13	-	27023	5	5	26821	-	8

Kistna District Collectors
Office Masulipatam
24th August 1861

Com[n]D.
J. D. Cunha
A.C.

J Bromfield
Acting Collector.

Statement to show the sums which would have been payable in fusly 1270, under the different principles of imposing water tax.

No. I. Showing the amount of water rate to be levied by collecting 1½ rupees per acre on all beyond the average wet.

	Rs.
Original Pucka wet	26,600
Pucka	23,991
After deductions	2,424
808 acres of dry × wet at 3 Rs.	4,671
3,114 acres of wet beyond the average of cultivations at 1½ rupees	
Total	31,086

No. II. By collecting 1½ rupees on all the wet Ayacut.

	Rs.
Pucka wet	23,991
Pucka	2,424
808 acres Dry × wet at 3 Rs.	9,590
6,393 acres wet land at 1½ Rs.	
Total	36,005

No. III. By collecting 3 Rupees on all above the average of wet cultivation.

	Rs.
Pucka wet	23,991
Pucka	2,424
808 acres Dry × wet at 3 Rupees	9,342
3,114 acres wet land beyond average at 3 Rs.	
Total	35,757

Kistna District
Collector's Office Masuli.
Patam 24th August 1861.

J. Thornhill.
Acting Collector.

Compd J. B. Cumha H.C.

Translation of an Arzi submitted to G. Thornhill Esq.
Acting Collector Kistna District by Raja Bommadevara
Naganna Naidoo Bahadar Zamindar Pargana Gudur
Samut Vallooru Mutta Vasavayadah &c
dated 7th August 1861.

I understand that your honor, in causing
the accounts regarding the Goodoor Parganah
to be prepared agreeably to the orders of the
Honorable Government, has ascertained the
extent of the lands cultivated in the consecutive
Faslies from Fasli 1261 to 1265 and the Jists
Faslies from Fasli 1261 to 1265 and the Jists
derived from the same as well as the extents
of lands cultivated in each fasli from fasli
1266 upto 1270 and the amount of Jists thereon
and had the average of the same entered in
the accounts but the Sibbandi charges should
be deducted from the amount of the Jist.

2 Of the Peishcush Rs 26600 fixed on this
Purgunah Rs 2596 being the Peishcush of the
villages already made over to certain others according
to the Sub division should be deducted and
the remaining Peishcush on the Purgunah
will be Rs 24004 which I agree to pay according
to the Kists.

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Copy of a Letter to England
dated 12th August 1863

5-5-64
14-4-65

Sir a Letter from the
Acting Collector of
Kistna District dated
21st September 1861
No 21

Rec'd.

Per Packet

Taken the Amount of
which the Amount of
Loan Rupees is
1200 Rupees the
different principle
& interest made
Tax -

Sir No 4/1 of 1861

3 As the Cultivation has increased owing to the Anicut water your honor will Cause the lands to be measured and fix the water rate as in the case of the other Zamundars which I shall also agree to pay.

As I agree to pay after the Pergana is put in my possession every year the Peishcush Rs 24004 above referred to as well as the amount of water rate stated in para 3 I request your honor will thro favor towards me allude to this Circumstance in the report which you will submit to the higher authorities and recommend the same for sanction.

I further request that you will submit the report without delay & pardon me for troubling your honor on the subject. Please take this into Consideration.

7th August 1861. Vallur

(signed) Raja Rajanna naidoo Bahadur Zamindar

(Seal)

(True Translation)

Acting Collector

Compd J B Lushington

Copied by T. Pattabhirámayya Clk.

This will entail an expense of about Rupees 150 a year for the Gudur Purgunah, and should any other system be found to answer hereafter it can of course be applied to this Estate in common with others -

Krishna District -
Collector's Office.
Masulipatam.
2nd August 1861 -

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant.

J Thornhill
Acting Collector.

To,
J. D. Sim Esqre
Secretary to Government in the
Revenue Department
Fort St George

Compd
J B Cmba

Copy in a Letter to Govt
Fort St George dated 12th August 1861
No 1614-25

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1861 Dept
Re a letter from the
Acting Collector of
Krishna District dated
2nd August 1861
No 21

Encl 2
20 Sept 1861

Transmitting for
orders a Petition
of Ramalingam
Chetty Head
Gomastah to the
Gudur Purgunah
Baliadar Sumindar
Purgunah Gundur
Canal Bailiff, Shaik
Peeran Saheb - Sale
Proclamation - Date
2nd August 1861 -
Rupees 1,500 -

18th June 1861 Pp 177 - 178.
18th July — " — " — 253 - 254.

Copy in a Letter to Collr
of 12th August No 790/63
14-4-25

Telegram
From Raja Ragana Naidoo
of 14 March 62 No 728.
Pro of the Board of Revenue
of 30th July 62 No 2097
5-5-94

22-1-10
17/8/16
7/10/16
6/7/17 Pp 140 & 142

28th Sept: Rd Oct.

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The Acting Collector
of Kistna District

To The Secretary to
Government in
the Revue Dept.
Fort St George

Dated 24th Augt 1861
Rd 30th " "

No 21

Encl 3.
No 1967. Dated 10th October

Submitting in reply
to the order of Government
dated 18th June last No 1214,
a report on the subject
of restoration of the
Gudur Durgaum to
Rajah Bommadevara
Ragana Naidu Bahadur
zemindar of Vallur.
With our order

No 1962

Referred, together with the
order of Government dated 18th June last
No 1214 Revenue Department, for the
opinion of the Board of Revenue who
are requested to report without
delay —

Fort St George
10th October 1862

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