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No. 324. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 4th December 1863, No. 7,630.

Read the following letter from H. MORRIS, Esq., Acting Collector of the Godavery District, to W. HUDLESTON, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Cocanada, 21st September 1863, No. 279 :—

SIR,

1. I have the honor to submit four Statements regarding the compensation due for lands taken up by channels and embankments in this District. Marked A, B, C, D.

2. A report on the subject was made on the 30th April 1857, which related exclusively to compensation for lands taken up previous to Fusly 1265; the present report relates to compensation for lands taken up since that time, and to the continuance of the allowance due for the subsequent Fuslies to those who had received it before.

3. Statement A shows the amount of further compensation due from Fuslies 1266 to 1272 to Inámdars and proprietors for lands occupied by channels and embankments prior to Fusly 1265, up to which period the compensation was sanctioned* according to accounts then submitted.

* Vide Government Order, 28th June 1859, No. 859.

4. It will be observed, on a comparison of the two reports, that there has been a decrease in the extent of land and an increase in the amount of assessment as particularized in the margin. Columns 17 and 18 of the Statement forwarded with the former report contained the extent of land taken up, and the assessment on it; and the late Collector remarked (*vide* letter to Board, paragraph 2, dated 30th April 1857) that he was endeavoring to ascertain whether the extent of land, as reported to him, was correct, and the assessment rightly estimated. The result of this investigation has been the sole cause of the difference in the two Statements, as well as of the decrease in the compensation as detailed in Statement D.

	Extent.	Assessment.
As per columns 3 and 4 of the former Statement	2,051	11,573
As per columns 15 and 16 of the present Statement	2,923	11,695
Increase...	...	122
	28	...

5. The annual Sist of Rupees 5,647 entered in column 25 is payable on 1,174 Acres, for which an exchange in land is still to be made, and the amount of compensation for which has been entered at that rate for Fuslies 1266 to 1272. The amount for Fuslies 1266 and 1267, however, differs from that entered in column 25, and exhibits an increase, because a portion of land in exchange (entered in column 18) was made over to some of the Inámdars at the end of those Fuslies, and compensation is due to them for those portions for the two years only during which they were kept out of possession.

6. The detailed figures in this Statement do not correspond with those in the Statement formerly submitted, as the present account has been prepared with reference to the new amalgamated Talooks.

7. In Statement B is shown the extent of land taken up between Fuslies 1265 and 1266, with the addition of a small extent taken up previous to former Fusly; the extent of land already given in exchange; the remainder still to be given; and the amount of compensation payable to the Inámdars and proprietors for the time they have been kept out of possession.

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All lands taken up before the end of Fusly 1269 are included in column 15; but the amount of compensation entered in column 45 includes that for Fuslies 1270, 1271 and 1272 as well.

8. There are still some lands which were taken up for channels before the close of Fusly 1269, which have not been included in this Statement in consequence of the non-receipt of the accounts from the Talooks. Measures have been adopted for the early transmission of these accounts, as well as of those regarding lands taken up subsequent to that Fusly. As soon as they may be received, I will prepare another Statement for transmission to the Board.

9. Statement C exhibits the whole extent for which exchange in land should be made, and the whole amount of compensation due to the Inámdars and proprietors on account of the different items therein particularized. The items 3, 4 and 5 are not accounted for in the Statements A and B as they are separate items requiring to be separately specified. I request sanction for the disbursement of Rupees 1,19,916-8-6, the amount of compensation.

10. The proprietors and Inámdars are anxious to have Jerayati lands in exchange for what has been taken; but as the Ryots attach great value to their holdings in consequence of the improvement of the District by Anicut Irrigation, their desire cannot be fulfilled. I beg to suggest, therefore, that they may either receive an equivalent in money in full payment of all dues, the Inámdars receiving an amount equal to the annual value for the land for as many years as the Board may consider right, and the proprietors receiving a deduction from their annual Peshkush; or that they be required, where such a course may be practicable, to accept a portion of culturable waste equal in extent to the lands of which they have been deprived.

11. Statement D shows in detail the difference in the extent of land and in the amount of assessment and compensation between the amount forwarded with the former report and the present Statement A. The amount of compensation sanctioned* for the lands taken up before the close of Fusly 1265 is shown in column 5. The sum of Rupees 22,281, payable to the Inámdars according to the investigation made by my predecessor is entered in column 8. The amount† entered in column 20 is that which he thought really due to the Inámdars on the land entered in column 17 of the former Statement, under the head of "Still under the course of Settlement."

* Rupees 40,518, vide Government Order, 23th June 1859, No. 859.

† Rupees 17,869.

ENCLOSURE No. 1, A.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the amount of further compensation payable to the Inámdars whose compensation was sanctioned up to Fusly 1265, and the extent of land given in exchange, and the extent of land still to be given.

ENCLOSURE No. 2, B.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the particulars of lands occupied under channels and embankments up to Fusly 1269, the extent of land given in exchange and that still to be given, and the amount of compensation payable to the Inámdars and proprietors up to Fusly 1272.

ENCLOSURE No. 3, C.

ABSTRACT.—Abstract Statement showing succinctly the extent of land taken up, for which the exchange of land should be made and the amount of compensation due to the Inámdars, &c., for the time during which they are kept out of them.

ENCLOSURE No. 4, D.

ABSTRACT.—Statement showing the difference resulted by the Settlement by the Collector, of the land which was stated to be in course of Settlement as per columns 17, 18 and 19 of the Statement formerly submitted.

1. Ordered that the above letter and Statements be submitted for the orders of Government.

2. In their Order No. 859, dated 28th June 1859, the Government sanctioned similar arrangements to those now proposed by the Acting Collector of the Godavery District for compensating the Inámdars and other proprietors whose lands were taken up for the Godavery channel previously to Fusly 1265 (1855-56) for their losses to that date. Mr. Morris' present report continues the account of annual payments due to the end of Fusly 1272, for such of the above extent as has not yet been made good to the owners by fresh grants of land, and also provides compensation for the additional land taken up for the same purpose down to Fusly 1269, and for some minor items.

3. In their former Order Government sanctioned the charge of Rupees 40,518 (inclusive of what had been already actually paid) on account of annual compensation due for 2,950 Acres of land, assessed at Rupees 11,572, taken up previously to Fusly 1265, in addition to a grant of 685 Acres in lieu of 900 Acres out of the abovementioned extent, the money compensation embracing that due down to Fusly 1265.

4. The accounts relating to this land now submitted vary slightly from the former, which the Acting Collector states to be the result of the investigation which the late Collector was making at the time of the former report in order to assure himself that the extent of land as reported to him was correct, and the assessment rightly estimated. The present accounts are also prepared with reference to the new amalgamated Talooks.

5. It appears that the actual extent of the land included in the former Statements was Acres 2,923, Goontahs 11, Annas 15, assessed at Rupees 11,695-7-5. For Acres 1,749-5-9 of this extent assessed at Rupees 6,048-6 6, Acres 1,405-30-1 of fresh land of equal value have been given. Fresh land has yet to be assigned in lieu of Acres 1,174-6-6, assessed at Rupees 5,647-0-11.

Fuslies.			Rs.	A.	P.
1266	...	...	7,371	4	6
1267	...	...	5,730	9	7
1268	...	...	5,647	0	11
1269	...	...	5,647	0	11
1270	...	...	5,647	0	11
1271	...	...	5,647	0	11
1273	...	...	5,647	0	11
Total...			41,337	2	8

The sanction of Government is now required in respect of the lands reported on formerly, for compensation, amounting to Rupees 41,337-2-8 as shown in the margin, due for Fuslies 1266 to 1272, both years inclusive; and for the further grant, now shown in Statement A, of Acres 720-30-1 in addition to the 685 Acres alluded

to in paragraph 3 above. It will be observed that since Fusly 1267 no progress has been made in substituting fresh land.

Vide Acting Collector's Statement B.

Fuslies.			Rs.	A.	P.
1255	...	...	131	3	2
1256	...	...	459	6	7
1257	...	...	459	6	7
1258	...	...	459	6	7
1259	...	...	656	12	4
1260	...	...	707	9	4
1261	...	...	950	8	8
1262	...	...	1,018	13	5
1263	...	...	1,702	9	10
1264	...	...	2,724	9	4
1265	...	...	4,913	12	4
1266	...	...	6,276	2	7
1267	...	...	8,102	7	11
1268	...	...	8,656	4	7
1269	...	...	9,481	7	7
1270	...	...	9,798	13	10
1271	...	...	9,843	2	1
1272	...	...	9,843	2	1
Total...			76,815	10	10

6. From Fuslies 1265 to 1272 a further extent of Acres 2,867-37-1 (including a small extent appropriated previous to that period) assessed at Rupees 10,416-5-5 was taken up. In lieu of Acres 170, Goontahs 19, Sixteenths 1 of this extent, assessed at Rupees 573-3-4, fresh grants to the extent of Acres 170, Goontahs 21, Sixteenths 4, of equal value have been made. There remain Acres 2,697-18-0, assessed at Rupees 9,843-2-1, for which exchange is still to be made. The compensation amounting to Rupees 76,315-10-10 as shown in the margin, due to the proprietors for the time they have been out of possession has been calculated on the principles already approved by Government on the former occasion, and now requires their sanction.

7. The Acting Collector also requests sanction for the sum of Rupees 2,263-11-0, payable as compensation up to Fusly 1272, on account of certain lands taken up for public purposes at Dowlaishwarum and Cocanada, and some trees on the Palevala Estate cut down for the use of the Public Works Department. They are proper charges on the State, and call for no remark under the explanation afforded in Statement C accompanying Mr. Morris' report.

8. The cash payments and land grants which the Board now recommend for sanction amount to Rupees 1,19,916-8-6, and Acres 891, Goontahs 11, Sixteenths 5 respectively as shown below, viz.

	Rs.	A.	P.	Acres.	Goontahs.	Sixteenths.
I. Further compensation on account of lands taken up previously to Fusly 1265 and already reported on	41,337	2	8	720	30	1
II. Compensation on account of lands occupied subsequently to Fusly 1265 and not already reported on	76,315	10	10	170	21	4
III. Recommended in paragraph 7 above.	2,263	11	0	0	0	0
Total...	1,19,916	8	6	891	11	5

9. The system that has been hitherto pursued in the Godavery District in regard to land required for the irrigation works is calculated to be productive of much inconvenience and expense and needs to be corrected. It will be observed from the foregoing paragraphs, that even down to so lately as Fusly 1269 land was occupied without apparently any arrangement with the owners, and the Government are now committed to an indefinite annual payment equivalent to its rent value to the owner.

10. Mr. Morris states that the exchange of land is complicated by the unwillingness of the occupying Ryots on Jeraity land selected by these Inámdars to surrender their holdings.

11. The disregard of private rights until a very recent period in the Northern Districts precludes surprise at this statement, but the Board need scarcely observe that such an utterly illegal proceeding as ousting an occupying Ryot proprietor from his holding, in order to make

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it over to another person whose lands have been taken up for Government works, could not be contemplated for a moment.

12. Inám grants except of unoccupied land, are simply assignments of public revenue, and are so far equivalent to annual payments from the Treasury, although in the present state of the law they are less valuable.

13. This defect will shortly be cured, and the Board advise that the Collector be instructed to adopt immediate measures for terminating these annual payments by substituting grants of waste land, or assignments of the revenues from occupied land, or by remissions of Peshkush or assessment on the Zemindaries, or Puttah holdings of the parties concerned, his proposals being of course submitted for approval before being actually carried out.

14. Should none of these means be open to adoption, then the individual right should be purchased once for all, and the annual charge thus redeemed.

15. It should be observed as an invariable rule for the future, that no occupied land whether Inám, Puttah, or Zemindary, be taken up for public purposes unless terms of compensation have been previously arranged with the owner, or the forms of the Act observed.

16. Had this rule been observed in past years in the Godavery much inconvenience and expense would have been saved.

No. 325. ORDER THEREON, 23rd February 1864, No. 325.

1. The foregoing correspondence relates to the compensation due to Inámdars and other proprietors of land in the Godavery District for land taken up on account of channels and embankments and other purposes in connection with the Anicut.

2. The total amount payable up to the end of Fusly 1272, as compensation is stated at Rupees 1,19,916-3-6, and for the disbursement of this sum sanction is now requested.

3. The subjoined Statement shows the extent of land which has been occupied for this purpose, with the assessment thereon, and the progress which has been made in assigning in lieu other lands of equivalent value. As reported* on a former occasion the compensation due to each Inámdar is the assessment which he would have received from the actual cultivator, and this must be continued as long as he is out of possession of his land, or until he is provided with other land instead.

* Vide G. O. 23th June 1859, No. 859, Revenue Department.

	Land occupied for channels and embankments.			Of which settled by exchanges.				Remaining to be exchanged.			Compensation payable up to Fusly 1272.
				Actually occupied.			Given in lieu.				
	Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Assessment.		Extent.	Extent.	Assessment.		
	A. G. A.	Rs. A. P.		A. G. A.	Rs. A. P.		A. G. A.	A. G. A.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.
A Land taken up before 1265 ...	2,923 11 15	11,695 7 5	(a) Extent arranged for as per G. O. 26th June 1852, No. 859 ...	... ...	... ...		... ...	1,174 6 6	5,647 0 11		41,337 2 8
			(b) Extent arranged for and now requiring sanction ...	... ...	... ...		685 10 1	2,697 18 0	9,843 2 1		76,315 10 10
								105 30 15	... ...		891 12 10
									386 2 4		772 4 8
B Land taken up between Fusles 1265 and 1269... ...	2,867 37 1	10,416 5 3	(c) Extent arranged for and now requiring sanction ...	... ...	... ...		... ...	3,977 13 5	15,576 5 4		1,19,316 15 6
			(d) Jeroyati ...	141 6 6	445 14 5		1,105 30 1	... ...	... ...		134 6 0
			(e) Inám ...	105 30 15	386 2 4		720 29 1				465 3 6
C Land taken up in the village of Dowlaishweram before it became the property of Government—Deduct extent already sanctioned (d)... ...	6,041 6 5	22,913 13 7		... ...	... ...		... ...	3,977 13 5	15,576 5 4		1,19,916 8 6
				141 6 6	445 14 5		1,105 30 1				
				105 30 15	386 2 4		720 29 1				
				6,041 6 5	22,913 13 7		6,048 6 6	3,977 13 5	15,576 5 4		1,19,916 8 6
				... ...	... ...		... ...	... ...	... ...		
				573 3 4	1,776 9 10		170 21 4	2,697 18 0	9,843 2 1		76,315 10 10
				... ...	... ...		... ...	105 30 15	... ...		891 12 10
				... ...	... ...		... ...		386 2 4		772 4 8
				6,621 9 10	22,913 13 7		1,876 11 5	3,977 13 5	15,576 5 4		1,19,316 15 6
				... ...	... ...		685 10 1	... ...	... ...		134 6 0
				... ...	... ...		... ...	... ...	... ...		465 3 6
				6,621 9 10	22,913 13 7		891 1 4	3,977 13 5	15,576 5 4		1,19,916 8 6
				900 8 3	3,119 8 8		... ...	818 37 6	2,923 13 10		6,048 6 6
				... ...	... ...		... ...	... ...	... ...		... ...
				573 3 4	1,776 9 10		170 21 4	2,697 18 0	9,843 2 1		76,315 10 10
				... ...	... ...		... ...	105 30 15	... ...		891 12 10
				... ...	... ...		... ...		386 2 4		772 4 8
				6,621 9 10	22,913 13 7		1,876 11 5	3,977 13 5	15,576 5 4		1,19,316 15 6
				900 8 3	3,119 8 8		685 10 1	... ...	... ...		134 6 0
				... ...	... ...		... ...	... ...	... ...		465 3 6
				6,621 9 10	22,913 13 7		891 1 4	3,977 13 5	15,576 5 4		1,19,916 8 6
				900 8 3	3,119 8 8		... ...	818 37 6	2,923 13 10		6,048 6 6
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				... ...	... ...		... ...	105 30 15	... ...		891 12 10
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4. When the last report was made (Extract Minutes Consultation 9th September 1857, No. 917,) it was calculated that Acres 2,950-27-1, assessed at Rupees 11,572-15-4, had been so occupied up to the end of Fusly 1264, and compensation was sanctioned accordingly up to the end of Fusly 1265. (Extract Minutes Consultation 28th June 1859, No. 859, Revenue Department). Of the extent abovementioned only 900 Acres had been made good by the grant of land of equal value.

5. The present report shows that on further investigation the land referred to in the preceding paragraph proves to be rather less* in extent than at first supposed, though with an assessment somewhat higher†. Of this a further extent of 848 Acres has been compensated for by the bestowal of 720 Acres of land bearing an equivalent assessment, but there still remains uncompensated for an area of 1,174 Acres assessed at Rupees 5,647, and on account of this extent for the years from Fuslies 1266—1272 inclusive, the sum of Rupees 41,337-2-8 is due to the proprietors.

* 2,923 Acres.

† 11,695 Rupees.

6. In addition to this the present report shows that between Fuslies 1265 and 1269, including a small extent occupied previously, there have been taken up Acres 2,867-37-1 assessed at Rupees 10,416-5-5 of which 170 Acres only have been compensated for by the bestowal of land in lieu ; and that the assessment of Rupees 9,843-2-1 due on the remaining Acres 2,697-18-0 has to be annually made good to the Inámdars to whom the sum of Rupees 76,315-10-10 up to the end of Fusly 1272 is now due.

7. The Collector reports that more land was taken up in Fusly 1269, but that it has not been entered in the Statements in consequence of the non-receipt of the necessary information, He does not state whether any further extent has been occupied in the three succeeding years.

8. The land taken up for public purposes in the village of Dowlaishweram is not included in the above. From the correspondence which preceded the G. O. marginally noted, it appears that before the village in question was made over to Government by the Pittapur Zemindar in exchange for the Government villages of Uppada and Aminbada the land noted in the margin had been so taken up, the value of the Jeroyati land being due to the Zemindar who had annually remitted to the Ryots the assessment thereon ; compensation up to the end of Fusly 1270 has been already paid. The Collector now asks for permission to disburse the assessment due for Fuslies 1271 and 1272. In the case of the Jeroyati land no further payment will hereafter be necessary, as the village became the property of Government from the commencement of Fusly 1273. As to the Inám no effort seems to have been made to give land in exchange though it was stated in paragraph 4 of the Board's Proceedings, dated 10th February 1862, No. 929, that other lands could be assigned in the same village.

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	A.	G.	A.		Rs.	A.	P.
Jeroyati	144	6	6	=	445	14	5
Inam	105	30	15	=	386	2	4
	249	37	5	=	832	0	9

	891	12 10
	772	4 8
	1,664	1 6

9. Compensation is also asked on account of the items marginally specified and which, added to the amount described in the preceding paragraphs make up the total sum of Rupees 1,19,916-8-6, for the disbursement of which His Excellency in Council now accords his sanction. The grant of Acres 891-1-5 as per margin in lieu of Acres 1,019-16-7 of land taken up is also confirmed. In disbursing the large sum now awarded as compensation care must be taken that it reaches the hands of those for whom it is intended.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Due for Fuslies 1267 and 1268 during which the holder has been kept out of the land measuring 31-7-4 assessed at Rupees 67-3-0 occupied by Sea Custom House and roads at Cocanada 6 A. 25 C. 8 V. of land of equal value having been given in lieu in Fusly 1269	134	6	0
Due to the Proprietor of the Palevalu Estate being the value of trees cut down for the use of the Public Works Department	465	3	6
	599	9	6

Paragraph 5	41,337	2	8
" 6	76,315	10	10
" 8	1,664	1	6
" 9	599	9	6
	1,19,916	8	6
Paragraph 5	720	20	1
" 6	170	21	4
	891	1	5

10. The Governor in Council observes that up to the present time 6,000 Acres of Inám or proprietary land assessed at (in round,

numbers) 23,000 Rupees have been occupied in the Godavery District in connection with the irrigation works, and that 4,000 Acres of this extent with an annual assessment of 16,000 Rupees still remain a burden to the State, the latter sum having annually to be disbursed to the Inámdars. This state of things has in a great measure been caused by the system or rather want of system, which has prevailed in the Godavery District in this respect and which the Board rightly characterize as " productive of much inconvenience and expense."

Extract Minutes Consultation, 13th March 1854, No. 293.

11. Ten years ago in regard to this very District the Government directed that the Local Revenue and Public Works authorities should so arrange that any claims to compensation arising from this cause should be at once investigated and settled, and the Collector was specially enjoined to see that all such claims were promptly attended to. How little these injunctions have been obeyed may be judged of from the fact that the Government are now for the first time called upon to pay compensation for land (*vide* Statement B) some of which was occupied as far back as 1845-46 (1255) additions having been made every year since up to 1859-60 (1269.)

12. The Government are now committed, the Board observe, "to an indefinite annual payment" for these lands, and as long as the Inámdars can so easily obtain in cash the income which they formerly derived in a more precarious manner from the soil, it is obvious that they will be in no hurry to move in the matter. In consequence of the increased value of land in the Delta, Jeroyati land is not available to give in exchange. The Board therefore recommend that these annual payments should be terminated either, (1), by substituting grants of waste land or, (2), assignments of the revenues from occupied land or, (3), by remissions of Peishkush or assessment on the Zemindaries or Puttah holdings of the parties concerned or, (4), by purchasing the individual right once for all and so redeeming the annual charge.

13. It is very desirable that some steps should be taken without delay for coming to a final decision on this point. The Government cannot lay down any fixed rule, but it will be the Collector's duty to make such recommendation in each case as may seem most suitable. The Board will issue instructions accordingly. The enquiry should be entrusted to one Officer whose report should be reviewed by the Collector and forwarded as soon as possible through the Board for the orders of Government. The Collector should be informed that the Governor in Council views with the utmost dissatisfaction the course pursued in the Godavery District by his predecessors in respect to these claims, and expects a final disposal of them, and any similar cases which may have occurred, at the earliest possible date.

14. The Board have omitted to state how far the charges now sanctioned have been provided for in the Budget. The requisite information should be furnished.

15. The Governor in Council desires that the Board will instruct each Collector to submit to them, immediately after the close of each official year, a Statement of the extent of Zemindary, Inám, Ryotwary and other private lands, &c., taken up for public purposes and for which compensation has not been paid to the owners. The Statement should show the date of acquisition, the Talook in which the land is situated, its extent and supposed or ascertained value; the work for which it was taken up and the mode of acquisition, whether by private agreement or under Act VI of 1857. These returns will enable the Board to ensure lands being legally acquired, and compensation promptly paid.

16. The Board will draw the attention of Collectors to paragraph 3rd of Extract Minutes* Consultation, 13th July 1855, No. 817, Revenue Department.

* D. P. W., C. O. Book, Page 176.

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

No 325.

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Under date the 25th February 1864
Read the following Proc^s of
the Board of Revenue

Submitting with pe-
-marks a letter from the Collector
of the Godavery District for-
-warding four statements
regarding the compensation
due for lands taken up by
channels and embankments
in the District.

(Here enter 4 Dec^r 63 N° 7630)

The Collector & other Officers
in the district have been
most diligently employed
-ed in this - but scarcely
any thing

The foregoing cor-
-respondence relates to the
compensation due to manu-
-dars and other proprietors
of land in the Godavery District
for lands taken up on ac-
-count of channels and
embankments and other
purposes in connection with the
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2 The total amount
payable up to the end of
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		Land occupied for channels and embankments.		Of which settled by exchanges.			Remaining to be exchanged.		Compensation payable up to Faslí 1272
				Actually occupied		Given in lieu			
		Extent	Assessment	Extent	Assessment	Extent	Extent	Assessment	
		A. G. A	Rs. A. P.	A. G. A	Rs. A. P.	A. G. A	A. G. A	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A.
A	Land taken up before 1265.	9923 " 11 " 15	11695 " 7 " 5						
	(a) Extent arranged for as per G.O. 28th June 1859. No. 859.			900 " 8 " 3	3119 " 8 " 8	685 " 10 " 1			
	(b) Extent subsequently arranged and now requiring sanction.			848 " 37 " 6	2928 " 13 " 10	720 " 20 " 1			
				1749 " 5 " 9	6048 " 6 " 6	1405 " 30 " 1	1174 " 6 " 6	5647 " 0 " 11	41337 " 2 "
B	Land taken up between Faslí 1265 and 1269.	2867 " 37 " 1	10416 " 5 " 5						
	(c) Extent arranged & now requiring sanction.			170 " 19 " 15	543 " 3 " 4	170 " 21 " 4	2697 " 18 " 0	9843 " 2 " 1	76315 " 10 "
C	Land taken up in the village of Lowlaish weram before it became the property of Govt vide G.C. 23 July 1863 No. 1368. R.C. and previous correspondence.			not necessary as the village is now Govt property.					891 " 12 "
	(d) Jeroyati	144 " 6 " 6	445 " 14 " 5				105 " 30 " 15	386 " 2 " 4	772 " 4 "
	(e) Inam	105 " 30 " 15	386 " 2 " 4						
		6041 " 6 " 5	22943 " 13 " 7	1919 " 24 " 10	6621 " 9 " 10	1576 " 11 " 5	3977 " 15 " 5	15876 " 5 " 4	119316 " 15 "
	Deduct extent already sanctioned (a)			900 " 8 " 3		685 " 10 " 1			
	add miscellaneous items 4 & 5 in statement C.								134 " 6 " 465 " 3 "
		6041 " 6 " 5	22943 " 13 " 7	1019 " 16 " 7	6621 " 9 " 10	891 " 1 " 4	3977 " 15 " 5	15876 " 5 " 11	119916 " 8 "

4 When the last report was made to Mr. Bonn 9 September 1867 (3917) it was calculated that acres 2980-27-1 assessed at Rs 11572-15-4 had been compensated up to the end of July 1265 and sanctioned accordingly up to the end of July 1265-(Mr. Bonn's letter 28 June 1867 No 459 Rev Dept). Of this extent above mentioned only 900 acres had been made good by the grant of land of equal value.

5 The present report shows that on further investigation the land referred to in the preceding paragraph proves to be, rather less in extent, than at first supposed, though not the assessment compensation [illegible] of this a further extent of 838 acres have been compensated for by the bestowal

of 720 acres of land bearing an equivalent assessment but there still remains uncompensated for an area of 1174 acres assessed at Rs 5647, and on account of the extent of the years from Fasli 1266–1272 inclusive, the sum of Rs 11,337-2-8 is due to the proprietors.

6 In addition to the above previously reported relinquishments had between Fasli 1266 and 1269, including small extents occupied previously, there have been taken up acres 2867-37-1 assessed at Rs 10,416-5-5 of which 170 acres only have been compensated for by the bestowal of land as above, and that the assessment of Rs 9843-2-[illegible] due on the remaining acres 2697-18-0 has to be annually made good, to the proprietors, whom all

	A	G	a	R	a	P
Jeroyate	1164	6	6	= 465	11	5
Inam	105	30	15	= 386	2	4
	269	37	5	832	0	9

891 – 12 – 10
172 – 4 – 8
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sum of Rs. 768-15-10-10 1/2 [illegible]
to the end of Fasly 1269 is now due.

The Collector reports that more land was entered up in Fasly 1269, but that it has not been entered on the statements in consequence of the non-receipt of the necessary information. We do not know whether any further extent has been occupied in the three succeeding years.

8. The land taken up for public purposes in the Village of Sandawaram is not included in the above. From the correspondence which preceded the G.O. marginally noted it appears that before the village in question was made over to Government by the Pollygar Zamindar in exchange for the Land Villages of Uppadai and Amindakal

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Amindakal the land noted on the margin had been taken up, the value of the Jeroyati land being due to the Zamindar & other land annually resumed to the ryots the assessment thereon. Cultivation up to the end of Fasly 1270 has been already paid. The Collector now asks for permission to distrain the assessment due for Fs. 1271 & 1272. In the case of the Jeroyati land no further payments will hereafter be necessary as the village became the property of Govt. from the commencement of Fs 1273. As to the Inam no effort seems to have been made to give land in exchange though it was stated in para 4 of the Board's Proc. of 10 February 1862 No 929 that other lands could be assigned in lieu of the resumed

owners willingness.

9 Compensation is also included on account of the claims marginally specified and which, added to the amount described in the preceding paragraph make up the total sum of Rs. 119916-8-6, for the disbursement of which His Excellency in Council now accords his sanction. The grant of acres 891-1-5 as per margin in lieu of acres 1019-16-7 of land, taken up is also confirmed. In declining the large sum now awarded as compensation care must be taken that it reaches the hands of those for whom it is intended.

10 The Government in Council observes that as to the present time 6400 acres of inundated & productive land assessed at full assessment) = 25600 Rupees

Rupees for Fasly 1267 & 1268 claiming which the holder has been kept out of the land measuring 31-7-4 assessed at Rs. 67-3-3 occupied by Sea Customs House and godown at Cocanada, 6-28-8 of land of equal value having been given in lieu in 1st 1269 — 134-6-0
Due to the Proprietor of the Talooka Estate being the value of tiles not drawn for the use of the P.W. Dept. — 165-0-6
599-9-6

Vara 5 — 41337-2-8
" 6 — 76315-10-10
" 8 — 16664-1-6
" 9 — 599-9-6
119916-8-6

Vara 5 — 721-20-1
" 6 — 170-21-4
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have been occupied on the Godavery District in connection with the irrigation works and that 4000 acres of this extent with an annual assessment of 16000 Rupees will remain chargeable to the State, the latter sum having annually to be disbursed to the inundators. This state of things has in a great measure been caused by the excessive rainfall or rather want of system which has prevailed in the Godavery District in this respect and which the Board rightly characterizes as "productive of much inconvenience and expense."

9 Few years ago in regard to this District, the Govt directed that the Local Revenue and Public Works authorities should so arrange that, any claims to compensation arising from this cause, should be at once investigated and settled

and the Collector was specially enjoined to see that all such claims were promptly attended to. Nevertheless these injunctions have been objected may be judged of from the fact that the Govt are now for the first time called upon to pay compensation for land which Clearance B) some of which was occupied as far back as 1845/6 the claims having been made every year since up to 1857-58. 1265

12. The Government are, now convinced, that the Board observed "to an indefinite annual payment" for these lands, and as far as the Examiners can ascertain the income which they formerly derived in a more precarious manner from the said lands obviously will be in no hurry

to move in the matter - see consequence of the increased value of land but the Kellapatte land is not available to give in exchange. The Board therefore recommend that these annual payments should be terminated either (1) by substituting grants of waste land or (2) assignments of the Revenues from occupied land or (3) by remission of Peshkush or assessment on the Zamindaries or Puttah holdings of the parties concerned or (4) by purchasing the individual right once for all and redeeming the annual charge -

13 It is very desirable that some steps should be taken without delay for coming to a final decision on this point

will

[illegible] Govt. cannot lay down any [illegible] but it will be the Col. Collrs duty to make such recommendation in each case as may seem most suitable. The Board will issue instructions accordingly. The enquiry should be entrusted to one officer, whose report should be reviewed by the Collector and forwarded as soon as possible through the Board for the orders of Govt. The Collector should be informed that the Govr in Council relies upon the utmost activity & exertion of the Collr in bringing the causes pursued in the Zemindary Division by his predecessors in respect to these claims, and expects a final disposal of them and any similar cases which may have come under the earliest possible

possible date.

14. The Board have omitted to state how far the charges now sanctioned have been provided for in the Budget. The requisite information should be furnished.

15. The Govr in Council desires that the Bd will instruct each Collr to submit to them, immediately after the close of each official year, a statement of the extent of Zemindary, Inam, Ryotwary and other private lands &c, taken up for public purposes and for which compensation has not been paid to the owners. The statement should show the date of acquisition; the Talook in which the land is situated; its extent and supposed or ascertained value; the work for which it was taken up; and the mode of acquisition whether by private agreement or under Act VI of 1854. These returns will

enable the Board to ensure lands being legally acquired, and compensation promptly paid.—

16. The Board will draw the attention of Collectors to para 5 of L. M.C. 13 July 1855 No 847 R. D* and will inform them that, except in cases where the avoidance of delay is of consequence, the Government consider it expedient that Land should always be taken under the Act. Where this rule is disregarded and urgency cannot be shown to the satisfaction of Government, the officer taking up the land will be held responsible.

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