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2. In the margin of paragraph 22, the Government point out five instances in which the rates proposed for the Delta exceed the prescribed proportion of half the net produce, and direct me to re-test the values of the classes of land in which this occurs, and to adopt rates approximating more closely to the moiety thus determined. I would submit that, judged by the test above given, these rates are not excessive, as will be seen from the annexed Statement C., in which the several proportions are shewn. Considering, further, that these rates have been introduced throughout the Western Delta Talooks, in which they have been in force three years, and that during that period no complaint has been received of their being excessive, I would respectfully deprecate any alteration being made in them at the present time, preparatory to their introduction in the remaining portions of what is, in fact, the same Delta.

3. Adverting to paragraph 24, in which the Government call for a report on the arrangements proposed for carrying out the Settlement of the Kistna and Godavery Districts, I beg to state that in the former District the preliminary operations, consisting of the calculation of the assessment at the sanctioned rates on the fields, and the preparation of the Asamiwar accounts, are already in active progress on the spot under the superintendence of a superior Native Settlement Officer, whom I can safely trust with this portion of the work. The Settlement itself should be introduced simultaneously with the Jamabundy of the current Fusly, by which time the necessary accounts will be ready. For this work, as I have no Settlement Officer of sufficient experience available (Mr. Melville being fully engaged in Kurnool) I propose, when the proper time arrives, which will be about November next, to apply for the services of a Covenanted Officer of the grade of Head Assistant. Perhaps the Government may be able to spare temporarily for this duty the present Head Assistant in the Kistna District, Mr. Wilson. In that case it would not be necessary that he should be relieved of the whole of his ordinary duty, as it is most convenient that the Officer introducing the Settlement should do so in the combined capacity of Revenue and Settlement Officer; but it might be found advisable to lighten his work by relieving him, for the time, of his Magisterial duties, and any other departments under his charge.

4. The introduction of the new Settlement in the Godavery I will myself undertake, in accordance with the wishes of Government already expressed. As however the work will altogether occupy a somewhat longer period than I can consistently with the general duties of the Department, and the requirements of the other parties, devote to a single District, it is my intention, with the approval of Government, to leave the District after settling the main portion of it, and to entrust the settlement of the remainder to Mr. J. H. Cox, First Assistant Director of Revenue Settlement, whose services will, I hope, be available for this duty by the time they are required. The Settlement, whether carried out by myself or by my Assistant, will of course be introduced in immediate communication with the Revenue Officers of the District.

5. As it is of importance that I should be in possession of the views of Government on the points alluded to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of this letter, at as early a date as possible, I forward this letter direct, furnishing a copy to the Board.

A.

Statement shewing the financial results of the revision of the proposed dry rates for the Upland Talooks in the Godavery District.

Class and Sort.	1st Class Villages.						2nd Class Villages.					
	30 per cent. gross.	Half net.	Present rates.	Revised rates.	Cultivated area affected.	Effect of revision.	30 per cent. gross.	Half net.	Present rates.	Revised rates.	Cultivated area affected.	Effect of revision.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Acres.	Rs.
1 (1)	... ...	... ...	20 0	20 0	...	...	.....	.....	20 0	20 0	...	...
1 (2)	... ...	... ...	12 0	12 0	...	...	.....	.....	12 0	12 0	...	...
1 (3)	3 15 3	4 8 11	4 8	4 8	...	...	3 2 10	3 4 3	3 0	3 0	...	...
2 (1)	3 15 3	4 8 11	4 0	4 8	97	+19	3 5 1	3 8 0	3 0	3 8	27	+14
2 (2)	3 5 1	3 10 0	3 0	3 8	28	+14	2 8 7	2 9 2	2 4	2 8	18	+ 5
3 (1)	3 8 8	3 12 0	3 0	3 8	3,688	+1844	2 11 0	2 7 7	2 4	2 4	...	...
3 (2)	2 8 7	2 3 2	2 0	2 0	...	...	2 2 4	1 10 2	1 8	1 8	...	...
3 (3)	1 10 5	0 13 7	1 0	1 0	...	...	1 4 8	0 5 1	0 12	0 8	64	—16
4 (1)	2 11 8	2 13 4	2 8	2 8	...	...	2 4 8	2 1 7	2 0	2 0	...	...
4 (2)	2 4 1	2 2 8	1 12	1 12	...	...	1 12 11	1 6 8	1 4	1 4	...	...
4 (3)	1 6 9	1 3 3	0 12	1 0	261	+65	1 2 8	0 7 7	0 8	0 8	...	...
5 (1)	2 2 11	2 2 11	1 12	2 0	58	+15	1 12 11	1 7 5	1 4	1 8	19	+4
5 (2)	1 12 0	1 9 0	1 4	1 8	37	+ 9	1 5 9	0 14 7	0 12	0 12	...	...
6 (1)	2 7 0	2 13 0	2 8	2 8	...	...	2 7 0	2 13 0	2 8	2 8	...	...
6 (2)	1 11 0	1 11 0	1 12	1 12	...	...	1 11 0	1 11 0	1 12	1 12	...	...
7 (1)	1 15 10	2 0 4	2 0	2 0	...	...	1 15 10	2 0 4	2 0	2 0	...	...
7 (2)	1 5 0	1 0 4	1 0	1 0	...	...	1 5 0	1 0 4	1 0	1 0	...	...
7 (3)	0 13 6	0 5 10	0 8	0 6	247	—30	0 13 6	0 5 10	0 6	0 6	...	...
8 (1)	1 1 1	0 7 10	1 0	0 12	10,306	—2576	1 1 1	0 7 10	0 12	0 12	...	...
8 (2)	0 12 4	0 3 9	0 8	0 8	...	...	0 12 4	0 3 9	0 6	0 6	...	...
8 (3)	0 6 9	... ...	0 6	0 6	...	...	0 6 9	.....	0 4	0 4	...	...
	... ...	... ...	... ...	... ...	14,722	— 610	.....	.....	.....	.....	128	+ 7

Total cultivated area as per Statement B. 1, column 40.. ... ... Acres 34,941
Total Assessment..... ... ... Rs. 66,741
Total Assessment as per revised rates... „ 66,131

Difference... „ — 610
Per cent... „ 2

Total cultivated area as per Statement B. 2, column 49... Acres 38,846
Total Assessment... ... ... Rs. 38,896
Total as per revised rates ... „ 38,903

Difference ... „ + 7
Per cent..... ... „

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Madras, 6th July 1865.

3rd Class Villages.				4th Class Villages.				Total cultivated area affected.	Total effect of revision.
Present rates.	Revised rates.	Cultivated area affected.	Effect of revision.	Present rates.	Revised rates.	Cultivated area affected.	Effect of revision.		
Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Acres.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2 8	3 0	18	+ 9	2 0	2 8	27	+ 14	.....	.....
1 8	1 8	.....	.....	1 8	1 8	.....	.....	.....	.....
1 8	1 8	.....	.....	1 4	1 4	.....	.....	.....	.....
1 0	1 0	.....	.....	0 12	0 12	.....	.....	.....	.....
0 8	0 6	692	— 86	0 6	0 4	1,575	— 197	.....	.....
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0 6	0 6	.....	.....	0 4	0 4	.....	.....	.....	.....
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1 4	1 4	.....	.....	1 0	1 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
1 8	1 8	.....	.....	1 4	1 4	.....	.....	.....	.....
0 12	0 12	.....	.....	0 8	0 8	.....	.....	.....	.....
0 4	0 4	.....	.....	0 4	0 4	.....	.....	.....	.....
0 8	0 8	.....	.....	0 6	0 6	8,262	—1,032	.....	.....
0 6	0 4	7,343	— 918	0 6	0 4	5,468	— 683	.....	.....
0 4	0 4	.....	.....	0 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	8,053	— 995	.....	.....	15,332	—1,898	38,235	—3,496

Total cultivated area as per Statement B. 3, column 49... Acres... 44,467
Total Assessment... Rs. 27,349
Do. as per revised rates. „ 26,354

Difference. „ —995
Per cent... „ 4

Total cultivated area as per Statement B. 4, column 49. Acres 24,052
Assessment... ... ... Rs. 13,391
Do. as per revised rates. „ 11,493

Difference... ... ... „ —1,898
Per cent... ... ... „ 14

Total Cultivated area. ... Acres 1,42,306
Total Assessment Rs. 1,46,377
Do. as per revised rates. „ 1,42,881

Difference..... „ —3,496
Per cent... ... „ 2

(Signed) R. E. MASTER,
Offg. Director of Revenue Settlement.

B.

Statement shewing the financial results of the revision of the proposed consolidated wet rates for the Upland Talooks in the Godavery District.

Class and Sort.	1st Class Villages. 30 per cent. gross.	Half net.	Present rates.	Revised rates.	Cultivated area affected.	Effect of revision.	2nd Class Villages. 30 per cent. gross.	Half net.	Present rates.	Revised rates.	Cultivated area affected.	Effect of revision.	3rd Class Villages. Present rates.	Revised rates.	Cultivated area affected.	Effect of revision.	Total cultivated area affected.	Total effect of revision.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Acres.	Rs.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Acres.	Rs.	Acres.	Rs.
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2 { 2	5 0 0	5 13 0	4 8	5 8	14	+ 14	4 0 10	4 2 0	3 8	4 0	17	+ 9	2 8	3 0	27	+ 14		
3 { 1	5 6 5	6 6 0	5 0	5 8	1,114	+ 557	4 11 7	5 4 0	4 0	5 0	942	+ 942	3 0	4 0	1,645	+ 1,645		
3 { 2	4 0 10	4 4 0	3 8	4 0	144	+ 72	3 11 5	3 11 0	3 0	3 8	1,092	+ 546	2 0	2 8	1,571	+ 785		
3 { 3	3 0 7	2 11 0	2 4	2 8	57	+ 14	2 11 2	2 2 0	1 8	2 0	298	+ 149	1 4	1 8	487	+ 122		
4 { 1	6 1 2	7 10 0	6 0	6 8	2,301	+ 1,150	5 6 5	6 8 0	5 0	6 0	1,888	+ 1,888	4 0	5 0	1,067	+ 1,067		
4 { 2	5 1 0	6 1 0	5 0	5 8	683	+ 341	4 6 2	4 15 0	4 0	4 8	1,084	+ 542	3 0	3 8	1,038	+ 519		
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5 { 1	4 11 7	5 6 0	4 8	5 0	15	+ 8	3 11 5	3 11 0	3 0	3 8	41	+ 20	2 0	2 8	191	+ 96		
5 { 2	3 11 5	3 13 0	3 0	3 8	...	.....	3 0 7	2 11 0	2 4	2 8	...	.....	1 12	2 0	3	+ 1		
5 { 3	2 11 2	2 4 0	2 0	2 0	...	.....	2 5 10	1 11 0	1 8	1 8	...	.....	1 8	1 8	.....	.....		
6 { 1	4 11 7	5 6 0	4 8	5 0	94	+ 47	4 0 10	4 4 0	3 8	4 0	116	+ 58	3 0	3 0	.....	.....		
6 { 2	3 11 5	3 13 0	3 0	3 8	16	+ 8	3 0 7	2 11 0	2 4	2 8	26	+ 7	1 12	1 12	.....	.....		
7 { 1	5 6 5	7 2 0	5 8	6 0	1,695	+ 847	4 6 2	5 7 0	4 0	4 8	5,119	+ 2,560	3 0	3 0	.....	.....		
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8 { 2	3 6 0	3 14 0	2 8	3 8	52	+ 52	2 11 2	2 12 0	2 0	2 8	2,181	+ 1,090	1 8	1 8	.....	.....		
8 { 3	2 11 2	2 14 0	2 0	2 8	36	+ 18	2 0 5	1 12 0	1 8	1 12	61	+ 15	1 4	1 4	.....	.....		
...	.....	.....	.....	...	7,843	+ 4,409	.....	.....	... ...	... ...	22,118	+ 12,491	... ...	... ...	6,125	+ 4,316	36,086	+ 21,216

Total cultivated area as per Statement C 1, Col. 31	Acres.	12,921
Total Assessment	Rs.	85,747
Total Assessment as per revised rates	„	90,156
Difference	„	+ 4,409
Per cent.	„	5

Total cultivated area as per Statement C 2, Column 49	Acres.	22,920
Total Assessment	Rs.	76,284
Total Assessment as per revised rates	„	88,775
Difference	„	+ 12,491
Per cent.	„	16

Total cultivated area as per Statement C 3, Column 58	Acres.	17,920
Total Assessment	Rs.	44,318
Total Assessment as per revised rates	„	48,634
Difference	„	+ 4,316
Per cent.	„	10

Total irrigated area	Acres.	53,761
Total Assessment	Rs.	2,06,349
Do. as per revised rates	„	2,27,565
Difference	„	+ 21,216
Per cent.	„	+ 10
Net increase on dry and wet	„	17,720
Per cent.	„	+ 5

Revenue Settlement Office,
Madras,
6th July 1865.

(Signed) R. E. MASTER,
Offg. Director of Revenue Settlement.

C.

Table shewing the proportions of 30 per cent. of the gross and half the net, and the sanctioned money rates for the 1st and 2nd classes of villages in the Delta Talooks of the Godavery District.

Class.	Sort.	1st Class Villages.			2nd Class Villages.		
		30 per cent. gross.	Half net.	Sanctioned rates.	30 per cent. gross.	Half net.	Sanctioned rates.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A.
2	1	4 6 3	5 4 7	5 0	3 11 0	4 1 10	4 0
	2	3 11 0	4 3 10	4 0	2 13 1	2 12 8	3 0
3	1	3 15 2	4 6 4	4 0	3 1 5	2 15 9	3 0
	2	2 13 1	2 10 8	3 0	2 6 2	1 15 0	2 4
	3	1 13 4	1 2 5	1 8	1 7 9	0 9 1	1 0
4	1	3 1 5	3 6 9	3 0	2 8 9	2 8 5	2 8
	2	2 8 1	2 9 4	2 4	2 0 1	1 12 0	1 12
	3	1 9 4	1 2 8	1 0	1 4 9	0 11 1	0 12
5	1	2 6 10	2 9 5	2 4	1 15 2	1 12 7	1 12
	2	1 11 7	1 2 11	1 12	1 8 2	1 2 7	1 4
	3	1 6 4	1 1 3	1 0	0 15 6	0 5 10	0 8
6	1	2 11 4	3 4 3	2 8	2 11 4	3 4 3	2 8
	2	1 8 7	2 0 0	1 12	1 8 7	2 0 0	1 12
7	1	2 3 4	2 6 3	2 4	2 3 4	2 6 3	2 4
	2	1 7 4	1 4 3	1 4	1 7 4	1 4 3	1 4
	3	0 15 2	0 8 4	0 12	0 15 2	0 8 4	0 12
8	1	1 3 0	0 11 0	1 0	1 3 0	0 11 0	1 0
	2	0 13 8	0 6 2	0 12	0 13 8	0 6 2	0 12
	3	0 7 6	.....	0 8	0 7 6	.....	0 8
12	1	.....	.....	.....	2 4 2	2 3 5	2 0
	2	.....	.....	.....	1 13 4	1 11 7	1 0
13	1	.....	.....	.....	1 11 8	1 6 9	1 0
	2	....	.....	.....	1 6 5	1 0 2	0 8
14	1	.....	.....	.....	1 6 5	0 14 2	0 12
	2	.....	.....	.....	0 12 11	0 2 10	0 6

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Madras, 6th *July* 1865.

(Signed) R. E. MASTER,
Offig. Director of Revenue Settlement.

No. 478. Order thereon, 28th August 1865, No. 2,013.

Land Revenue.

1. The Government accept the revised rates now proposed by Mr. Master for the Upland Talooks of the Godavery District; and on consideration of the facts stated in paragraph 2 of his letter, and also of the expediency of maintaining uniformity throughout the Delta, they will not require him to modify his scale for the Central and Eastern portions, but sanction the adoption of the same scale as is already in force in the Western portion.

2. The arrangements proposed for introducing the revised Settlement in the Godavery and Kistna Districts are approved; and Mr. Master will at the proper time apply to Government for Mr. Wilson's services, should they then be available

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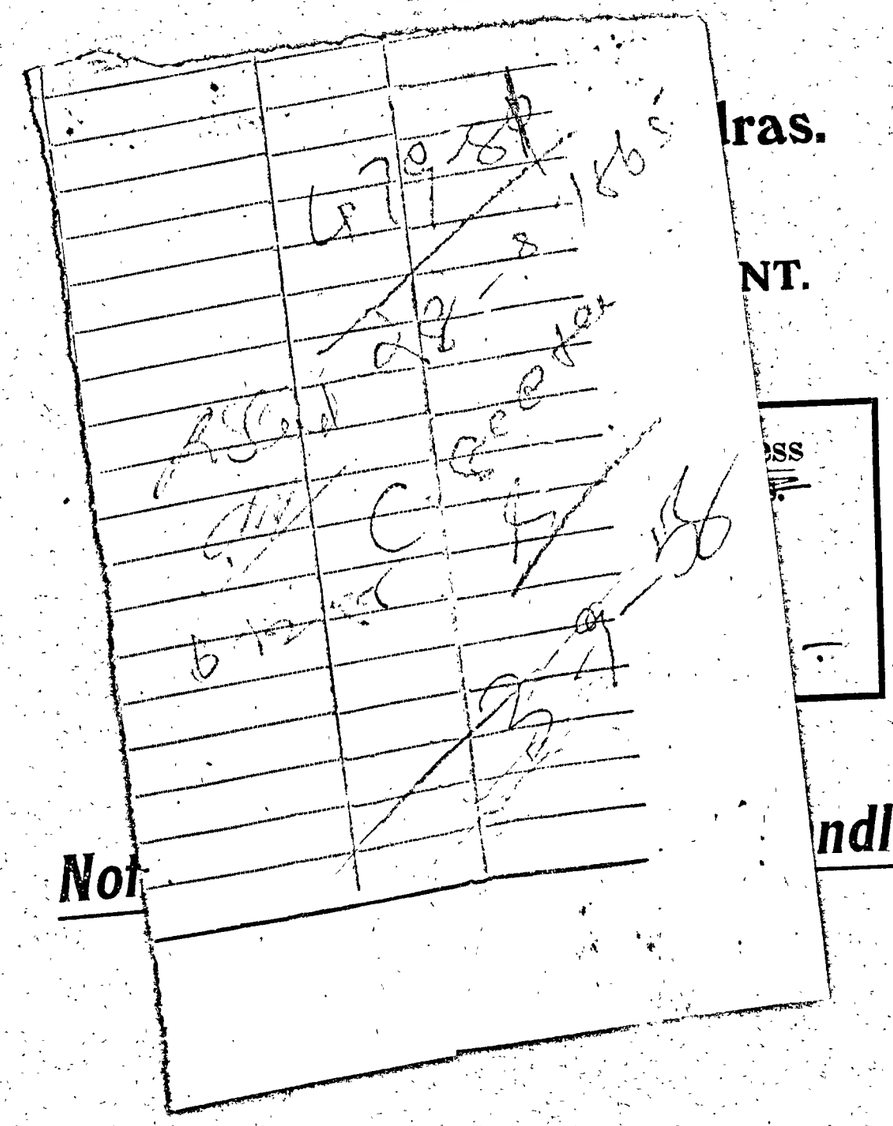
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Officiating Director of Revenue Settlement.
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