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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 8th January 1872.

Read the following letter from R. W. BARLOW, Esq., Acting Collector of Chingleput, to the Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Sydapet, 18th December 1871, No. 613:—

WITH reference to the Board's Proceedings, dated the 18th March last, No. 1,197, communicating the Order of Government, dated the 9th idem, No. 705, I have the honour to reply, as directed, to the points raised by Major Mullins, at paragraph 10 of his letter *seriatim*.

(1).* The period referred to in the statement given in paragraph 31 of Mr. Fraser's report, comprises fourteen years, or from Fasli 1262 to Fasli 1275 inclusive.

* NOTE.—These numbers correspond with Major Mullins' queries at paragraph 10.

(2). Enclosure No. 1, is a Statement, showing the ayacut, cultivation and revenue for the 58 villages under the tank, for the five years subsequent, or from Fasli 1276 to 1280, and gives also the water supply received by the tank in each year. The difference† between the ayacut given in Mr. Fraser's statement and that now sent by me, is owing to the transfer of certain Nunjah lands to the head Punjah in Fasli 1276.

	Cawnies.	Acres.
† By Mr. Fraser's statement.....	7,441	9,839
By the statement now sent	6,966	9,211
Difference...	475	628

(3.) The period to which the statement of the 28 villages given in paragraph 53 of Mr. Fraser's report refers, is for five years, or from Fasli 1271 to 1275.

(4.) Enclosure No. 2, is a supplemental statement, giving the ayacut, average cultivation, and revenue of these villages for subsequent years, or from Fasli 1276 to 1280 inclusive. This statement, however, gives information for 23 of the 28 villages only, 5 having had their wet Ayacut wholly transferred to the head Dry, in Fasli 1276. The names of these villages and the wet Ayacut so transferred to the head Dry, are given in the margin; and as regards the 23 villages, there is again a difference between the Ayacut given by Mr. Fraser and the one now sent, of Acres 2,164, arising also from the transfer of Nunjah (chiefly what was called in this District Mánavári) land to Punjah.

	Cawnies.	Acres.
Tenjery.....	56	
Nasapakom	39	
Agaram	21	
Matavilagom	4	
Sivabhootham	37	
	167	221

(5.) Both sets of villages, the 58 and 28, were brought under Ryotwar settlement in Fasli 1248 (1837-38), and there have been, since then, slight reduction in the assessment in Fasli 1272, and again in Fasli 1276 in all of them; the former reduction was carried out throughout the district, and consisted in lowering the high Nunjah rates then subsisting, as shown in the margin, while the latter change reduced the number of Nunjah rates in the district, from 184 to 34, by doing away with intermediate rates‡ of less than quarter of a rupee. In some cases this involved a raising of the rates; but on the whole, reduction was the result. These changes, however, affected the averages very slightly, as shown in the subjoined table:—

All Nunjah lands above Rupees 13 per Cawny to Rs. 11.
Above 12 and under 13 to 10.
" 10½ and " 12 to 9
" 8½ and " 10½ to 8½.

‡ *Vide* Scale of Rates published in Board's Proceedings, dated 13th March 1866, No. 1,707.

	RS.	A.	P.
Average rate per acre on the total Circar Ayacut of the 58 villages at the former rates	5	11	10
Do. do. do. at the existing rates	5	7	10
Do. do. do. on the last five years' average cultivation at the former rates...	5	14	9
Do. do. do. at the existing rates...	5	9	8
Average rate per acre on the total Circar Ayacut of the 28 villages at the former rates	3	11	5
Do. do. do. at the existing rates	3	10	3
Do. do. do. on the last five years' average cultivation at the former rates...	3	13	8
Do. do. do. at the existing rates...	3	12	5

(6). It is true that, in some instances, the collections divided among the area cultivated, give a higher average per acre than the total Ayacut assessment divided by the Ayacut area. Major Mullins is correct in supposing that this is due partly to the better and more highly assessed lands having been cultivated and inferior lands left waste; but it is mainly owing to the collections, on account of second crop cultivation, the area and assessment of which are given in Enclosures Nos. 1 and 2, for the 58 and 23 villages respectively.

Enclosures Nos 1 and 2.—Statements.

This letter will be submitted to Government with reference to their order in the Public Works Department quoted by the Collector and Official Memorandum No. 202, dated 2nd December 1871.

2. The Collector gives the particulars required by the Chief Engineer in paragraph 10 of his note, but has failed to consider the consequence of changes to be introduced by the new settlement, and by the application of the correct survey areas though the Board believe Mr. Banbury has by this time completed his enquiries so far as to be able to furnish full information on the subject. The papers will therefore be forwarded to the Director with the request that he will submit the financial results of his proposed settlement so far as they affect the project for the information of Government with the least possible delay.

(A true Copy and Extract.)

J. B. Pennington
Sub-Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, D. P. W., with copy of Collector's letter.
" the Director of Revenue Settlement, with copy of Government Order, dated 9th March 1871, No. 705, P. W. D., and of Collector's letter and two Statements.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
" to the Acting Collector of Chingleput.

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Chembrambakkam Tank Project in Chingleput District.—Letter from Collector furnishing information required by Chief Engineer in Paragraph 10 of his note on certain points connected with Director of Revenue Settlement requested to submit financial results of his proposed settlement so far as they affect this project.

Rd. G. A. Turton.

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