No. 262. Read the following letter from the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Agriculture, Revenue, and Commerce, (Statistics,) to the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Revenue Department, dated Simla, 18th October 1872, No. 417 :—

THE Honourable the President in Council has perused the Proceedings of the Government of Madras in the Revenue Department, Nos. 233-234, for August last, on the subject of the form No. IV. for exhibition of the final results of the Census.

2. In the absence of knowledge of the exact meaning of the terms "tervah-jasti" and "fasseljasti," the Honourable the President in Council is not altogether certain whether the instructions which the Madras Board of Revenue propose to issue in regard to the mode of filling up column 17 of the form, as contained in the 19th paragraph of their Proceedings No. 1,435, dated 29th July 1872, are correct. I am therefore to explain the intentions of the Government of India in framing the heading of the column in question.

3. In parts of upper India the people pay in two different shapes for the water which they receive from Government works of irrigation.

4. First they pay the water-rate, which is supposed to represent the cost of the water, and must not be included in the total of column 17 any more than the cost of manure would be so included. Seed, water for irrigation, and manure are regarded as part of the cultivator's plant, and all placed upon the same footing.

5. But in the second place, when lands thus supplied with water come to be re-assessed, their produce is found to be much larger and more valuable than before they received the supply. The Government demand, therefore, which is in the provinces in question proportioned to gross produce, is also increased; the increase so obtained being kept separate and called a "water-advantage rate." Care is taken that under this head is included no part of the increase which may have accrued from other causes, such as a general rise in prices, introduction of improved cultivation, or the like. Such water-advantage rate is, in fact, really a portion of the land-revenue, though kept distinct for the purpose, amongst others, of enabling Government to ascertain the real financial results of its irrigation works, and as a portion of the land-revenue should be included in column 17.

6. The above remarks will, it is hoped, enable the Government of Madras to judge whether the Revenue Board's instructions exactly carry out the wishes of the Honourable the President in Council upon the point.

No. 263. ORDER THEREON, 28th October 1872, No. 1,495.

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2. The Governor in Council considers that, under the explanation contained in this letter, the instructions conveyed in paragraph 19 of the Board's Proceedings of 29th July 1872, No. 1,435,

are correct, and need no alteration; the charge on account of "water-rate," *tirvajasti* and *fusljasti* in this Presidency representing, in fact, the Government share in the additional produce resulting from irrigation, and not the cost of water as an item of cultivation expenses.

True Extract.)
(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

Revenue 1872 Dept.
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