No. 297. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd August 1871, No. 3,650 :—

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 27th July 1871, No. 1,311, Revenue Department.

ABSTRACT.— *Cotton Looms at work in the districts.*—Revenue Board's Proceedings respecting—, ordered to be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Chamber of Commerce, and others ; and Board to report whether the proportion of land under cotton to the whole occupied area has varied of late years.

IN paragraph 2 of the above order Government inquire whether the proportion of land under cotton to the whole occupied area has varied of late years.

2. The Board presume that the phrase " the whole occupied area" refers to dry land on which alone cotton is grown, and that the comparison which Government wish to make is between " acreage" under cotton and total " acreage" under dry *cultivation* generally. The area *occupied* is scarcely to the point.

3. Under this impression they have caused to be prepared a statement showing (marked A.) the proportion between the gross dry cultivation and the extent under cotton; that between occupied area and the latter is also exhibited in case the Board should have misunderstood the meaning of Government.

4. In this statement there is an obvious error; the " cotton" acreage embraces Government, Inam, and Zemindari lands ; the total " occupied" and " cultivated" area consist of Government lands only, the Board having no means of knowing either the occupied or cultivated dry area of Inam and Zemindari lands.

5. Another Statement (B.) has been prepared in which the proportion of cotton to general cultivation in Government land alone is exhibited for the last five years.

6. This statement, which is the more correct of the two, shows that during the last five years the proportion of cotton to general dry crop cultivation has remained almost stationary in all the principal cotton districts.

7. Adverting to the remark in the latter part of paragraph 2 of Government Order to the effect that, while the area under cotton had varied considerably, the proportion to the whole occupation had remained nearly constant at about 8 per cent. of the whole, the Board think it right to state that they have not been able to verify this result.

No. 298. ORDER THEREON, 25th January 1872, No. 151.

Miscellaneous.

THE intention of the Government inquiry was to ascertain whether the efforts of the agricultural class are now being directed to cotton-cultivation in a greater or less degree to any marked extent than formerly.

2. The following statements, which have been prepared in the Government Office, are exclusive altogether of Zemindaris, regarding which the information available is imperfect and calculated to mislead.

3. They show that for the eleven years, from 1859-60 to 1869-70, the area devoted to cotton out of the whole "Dry" area in occupation has ranged from 5·2 per cent. to 8·5, and that in the first year of the series it was 6·1 per cent. against 7·2 in the last.

4. In comparison with the whole area in occupation that of cotton-cultivation has ranged from 4·1 to 6·7 per cent., and was 4·8 in the first year against 5·8 in the last.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) W. HUDLESTON,
Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue

Exd. F. R. Bantleman.

STATEMENT showing the Whole area under Occupation and area under Cotton.

Year.	Whole area in occupation.	Area under cotton.	Percentage of column 3 to 2.
1	2	3	4
	Acres.	Acres.	
1859-60	14,641,496	711,359	4·8
1860-61	15,050,564	695,501	4·6
1861-62	15,787,405	656,792	4·1
1862-63	16,448,065	835,508	5·0
1863-64	16,989,686	1,153,304	6·7
1864-65	17,331,728	1,152,744	6·6
1865-66	18,243,639	917,607	5·0
1866-67	18,514,593	867,862	4·6
1867-68	19,005,610	1,009,977	5·3
1868-69	19,212,865	901,309	4·6
1869-70	19,612,378	1,154,047	5·8

STATEMENT showing the whole Dry area under Occupation and area under Cotton cultivation.

Year.	Area in occupation.	Area under cotton.	Percentage of column 3 to 2.
1	2	3	4
	Acres.	Acres.	
1859-60	11,478,741	711,359	6·1
1860-61	11,806,351	695,501	5·8
1861-62	12,441,399	656,792	5·2
1862-63	12,961,497	835,508	6·4
1863-64	13,498,522	1,153,304	8·5
1864-65	14,051,676	1,152,744	8·2
1865-66	14,662,421	917,607	6·2
1866-67	14,940,073	867,862	5·8
1867-68	15,437,351	1,009,977	6·5
1868-69	15,640,120	901,309	5·7
1869-70	16,003,033	1,154,047	7·2

No. 3,650.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 23rd August 1871.

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Abstract.—*Cotton Looms at work in the districts.*—Revenue Board's Proceedings respecting—, ordered to be forwarded to the Secretary of State, Chamber of Commerce, and others; and Board to report whether the proportion of land under cotton to the whole occupied area has varied of late years.

In paragraph 2 of the above order, Government enquire whether the proportion of land under Cotton to the whole occupied area has varied of late years.

2. The Board presume that the phrase "the whole occupied area" refers to Dry land, on which alone Cotton is grown, and that the comparison which Government wish to make is between "acreage" under Cotton and total "acreage" under Dry *Cultivation* generally. The area *occupied* is scarcely to the point.

3. Under this impression, they have caused to be prepared a statement showing (marked A.) the proportion between the gross Dry Cultivation and the extent under Cotton; that between occupied area and the latter, is also exhibited in case the Board should have misunderstood the meaning of Government.

4. In this statement, there is an obvious error—the "Cotton" acreage embraces Government, Inam and Zemindari lands—the total "occupied" and "cultivated" area consist of Government lands only, the Board having no means of knowing either the occupied or cultivated dry area of Inam and Zemindari lands.

5. Another Statement (B) has been prepared in which the proportion of Cotton to general Cultivation in Government land alone, is exhibited for the last five years.

6. This statement, which is the more correct of the two, shows that during the last five years the proportion of cotton to general dry crop cultivation has remained almost stationary in all the principal Cotton Districts.

7. Adverting to the remark in the latter part of paragraph 2 of Government Order to the effect that while the area under Cotton had varied considerably the proportion to the whole occupation had remained nearly constant at about 8 per cent. of the whole, the Board think it right to state that they have not been able to verify this result.

(A true Extract.)

J Grole

Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

with two Statements in manuscript.

Exd. G. A. Turton.

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Cotton cultivation.—Statements showing proportion between gross dry cultivation and extent of land under Cotton, and proportion of Cotton to general cultivation in Government land alone, submitted to Government, with remarks.

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Statement showing the Whole area under Occupation and area under Cotton

Years	Whole area in occupation	Area under Cotton	Percentage of Col. 3 to 2.
1	2	3	4
	Acres	Acres	
1859-60	146,41,496	7,11,359	4·8
1860-61	150,50,564	6,95,501	4·6
1861-62	157,87,405	6,56,792	4·1
1862-63	1,64,48,065	8,35,508	5·0
1863-64	1,69,89,686	11,53,304	6·7
1864-65	1,73,31,728	11,52,744	6·6
1865-66	1,82,43,639	9,17,607	5·0
1866-67	1,85,14,593	8,67,862	4·6
1867-68	1,90,05,610	10,09,977	5·3
1868-69	1,92,12,865	9,01,309	4·6
1869-70	1,96,12,378	11,54,047	5·8

A

Statement shewing the occupied area and actual cultivation of Government Dry land in the large Cotton producing Districts during the past five Fuslies.

A

Districts	Fusly 1275					Fusly 1276					Fusly 1277				Fusly 1278					Fusly 1279.				
	Occupied area	Cultivated area	Cotton cultivation	Percentage		Occupied area	Cultivated area	Cotton cultivation	Percentage		Occupied area	Cultivated area	Cotton cultivation	Percentage	Occupied area	Cultivated area	Cotton cultivation	Percentage		Occupied area	Cultivated area	Cotton cultivation	Percentage	
				On Colm 2 & 4	On Colm 3 & 4				On Colm 7 & 9	On Colm 8 & 9				On Colm 12 & 14	On Colm 13 & 14			On Colm 17 & 19	On Colm 18 & 19				On Colm 22 & 24	On Colm 23 & 24
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Acres	Acres	Acres			Acres	Acres	Acres			Acres	Acres	Acres			Acres	Acres	Acres			Acres	Acres	Acres		
Godavery	372,541	230,537	21,115	6	9	382,975	229,787	33,123	9	14	458,180	27,938	17,445	4	6	438,505	249,701	24,563	5	9	456,066	266,950	29,270	6	10
Kistna	1412,364	1216,773	174,150	12	14	1456,526	1299,511	188,476	13	14	1475,464	134,333	22,356	15	16	1480,896	1332,813	191,795	13	14	1615,358	1439,602	284,827	17	19
Cuddapah	1109,630	1037,962	67,316	6	6	1121,706	1064,693	51,217	4	5	1154,964	110,908	7,967	6	6	1170,540	1121,096	55,921	5	5	1196,097	1148,122	80,534	7	7
Bellary	2267,019	1991,558	238,915	15	17	2210,658	1981,884	305,028	13	15	2276,061	210,941	41,029	18	19	2307,547	2167,134	331,135	14	15	2276,640	2129,222	526,827	23	24
Kurnool	1135,711	1090,798	213,510	18	20	1150,985	1109,644	200,390	17	18	1156,634	112,528	21,940	19	19	1161,489	1131,243	196,272	17	17	1153,803	1121,011	276,892	24	24
South Arcot	835,053	769,323	40,170	5	5	857,895	795,989	20,148	2	2	921,763	84,668	18,726	2	2	925,707	826,304	40,151	4	4	950,133	870,627	43,944	4	5
Madura	619,953	573,440	109,637	17	19	635,009	575,650	91,918	14	15	683,351	61,256	86,919	13	14	722,328	645,118	90,180	12	14	732,445	664,913	91,682	12	13
Tennevelly	1122,536	750,426	216,501	19	28	1129,055	818,621	220,407	19	26	1119,408	84,807	205,065	18	24	1120,797	861,128	213,960	19	24	1119,919	846,019	231,683	20	27
Coimbatore	2061,094	1764,304	110,635	5	6	2169,736	1826,877	115,529	5	6	2186,018	183,769	119,247	5	6	2142,810	1815,469	117,680	5	6	2159,380	1860,526	121,288	5	6

Notes: (1) Columns "Dry occupied area and cultivation" exhibit only Government land.
(2) Columns "Cotton cultivation" includes Government lands, inams and zamindaries.
(3) We have no information regarding cultivated area of Inam & Zamindary lands.
(4) The proportion (Percentage) is therefore incorrect. It however serves to give some idea of the proportion.
(5) A statement in which Cotton cultivation on Government land alone as compared with the total Dry cultivation on Government land is annexed to this.

Revenue Board Office,
Madras, 1871.

J Grole
Secretary.

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Statement showing the Cotton cultivation on Government land alone compared with the total Dry extent in Government land during last five Fuslies.-

B

Districts	Fusly 1275			Fusly 1276			Fusly 1277			Fusly 1278			Fusly 1279.-		
	Dry actual cultivation	Cotton cultivation	Percentage	Dry actual cultivation	Cotton cultivation	Percentage	Dry actual cultivation	Cotton cultivation	Percentage	Dry actual cultivation	Cotton cultivation	Percentage	Dry actual cultivation	Cotton cultivation	Percentage
1	2 Acres	3 Acres	4	5 Acres	6 Acres	7	8 Acres	9 Acres	10	11 Acres	12 Acres	13	14 Acres	15 Acres	16
Godavery	2,30,537	7,864	3	2,29,787	15,416	7	2,73,938	6,536	2	2,49,701	11,198	4	2,66,950	13,760	5
Kistna	12,16,773	1,14,471	9	12,99,511	1,26,168	10	13,24,333	1,60,647	12	13,32,813	1,29,333	9	14,39,602	1,99,184	14
Cuddapah	10,37,962	45,998	4	10,64,693	39,684	4	11,04,908	46,247	4	11,21,096	46,211	4	11,48,122	52,916	4
Bellary	19,91,558	2,16,505	11	19,81,884	1,91,572	10	21,00,941	2,69,572	13	21,67,134	2,06,906	9	21,29,222	3,28,427	15
Kurnool	10,90,798	1,27,422	11	11,09,644	1,18,797	11	11,24,528	1,31,237	11	11,31,243	1,16,658	10	11,21,011	1,57,019	14
South Arcot	7,69,302	40,091	5	7,95,989	20,105	2	8,40,668	18,722	2	8,26,304	40,122	5	8,70,627	43,916	5
Madura	5,73,440	51,563		5,75,650	40,800	7	6,19,256	39,654	6	6,45,118	41,466	6	6,64,913	42,736	6
Tinnevelly	7,50,426	1,65,824	22	8,18,621	1,61,736	20	8,46,807	1,53,469	18	8,61,128	1,63,080	19	8,46,019	1,64,223	19
Coimbatore	17,64,304	99,013	6	18,26,877	1,08,547	6	18,39,769	1,12,235	6	18,15,469	1,09,646	6	18,60,526	1,13,295	6

J Grose
Secretary

No. 151. Revenue Department

PROCEEDINGS of the MADRAS GOVERNMENT.

Under date the 25th January 1872.

Read the following: Rto. of the Board of Revenue

Submitting statements showing proportion between gross dry cultivation and extent of land under Cotton cultivation in Government land alone.

(H. C. 23rd August 1871 No 30.

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