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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 4th April 1872.
Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 15th November 1871, No. 2,896, Public Works Department:—

ABSTRACT.—*Statistical Tables*.—Passing orders on the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue re-submitting revised statements showing area, cultivation, etc., of the several districts of the Madras Presidency.

ADVERTING to the difference commented on in paragraph 3 of the Government Order, between the area under cultivation given in Table I. and that given in the Administration Report, the Board observe that the former is taken from the Settlement accounts of the Revenue year (Fasli), while the latter is based on the Monthly Cultivation Return for the month of *March* 1870. Between these there has existed, and must always exist, differences of a greater or less amount for the following reasons:—*First*, the extent of land cultivated *after* the (yearly) *settlement* of a taluq is made is not taken

* Settlement Account No. 3 Holdings. into the Settlement* account. Similarly cultivation of Peramboke (immemorial waste), extent of concealed cultivation, lands cultivated without permission, and several such items, are not exhibited in the Settlement accounts, though the revenue due to Government therefrom is shown in a separate return of "miscellaneous receipts" (Settlement Account Form No. 5.) Secondly, in the Settlement Account, under the head "actual cultivation," (from which the extent is transferred to Statistical Table I.,) *portions* of fields which are left waste are included as *cultivated* for purposes of the revenue settlement. On the other hand, the monthly Return of Cultivation for March (from which the extent of cultivation is taken for the Administration Report) includes only *extent* of fields actually cultivated, as well as most of the items which are excluded from the Settlement accounts as detailed above.

2. From the Settlement accounts, which are at present rendered, the Board have no means of ascertaining the extent and description of cultivated lands which are thus omitted. They have accordingly now taken steps to supply this defect, but they consider it will be absolutely impossible to make the Administration Report which is closed with reference to the Return of Cultivation for March, tally with the Settlement accounts which are closed sometimes at much later dates.

3. The Statistical Tables for 1870-71 will be submitted as required as soon as the return of crops yet due from some districts is received.

(A true Extract.)

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Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, P. W. D.

Copy to the Officiating Chief Secretary to Government, R. D.
.. to all Collectors, with copies of Government Order.

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Cultivation.—Difference between area under cultivation in Districts of Madras Presidency given in Table No. I. of the Statistical Tables submitted to Government for 1869-70, and that given in Administration Report for the same year, explained.

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