No. 74. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th April 1873, No. 639:—

Read the following letter from G. BANBURY, Esq., Director of Revenue Settlement, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 20th March 1873, No. 568-20:—

I HAVE the honour to report that the new settlement, as sanctioned by Government in their Proceedings dated 14th May last, No. 798-B, for the Pattikondah Taluq of Kurnool, has been introduced with the under-mentioned results, and that the new assessment will be levied during the current Fasli 1282.

2. The task of introduction was entrusted to Rajahgopaul Iyengar,* formerly Huzur Sheristadar of Tanjore. He worked under my immediate superintendence, and carried out all so successfully that I was enabled to issue the rough puttas directly after the Christmas holidays.

* *Vide* G. O. dated 21st October 1872, No. 1,459.

3. The new rates of assessment furnish an increase of Rupees 16,378, or 10 per cent. in "Dry," and of Rupees 9,058, or 51 per cent. in "Wet," making a total enhancement of Rupees 25,436, or 14 per cent.

4. The following return gives the comparison of area and assessment both under the old and new settlement, or, in other words, shows what the present results are for the current fasli, compared with what they would have been under the former regime:—

Description of Land.	Groups.	As per Jamabandi of Fasli 1282.			As per New Settlement.			Difference.			
		Extent.	Assessment.	Average.	Extent.	Assessment.	Average.	Columns 3 and 6.		Columns 4 and 7.	
								Extent.	Percentage.	Assessment.	Percentage.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		10	
Dry.	1st Group ...	ACRES. 41,669	RS. 40,332	RS. A. P. 0 15 6	ACRES. 42,345	RS. 49,898	RS. A. P. 1 2 10	ACRES. + 676	ACRES. 2	RS. + 9,566	RS. 24
	2nd do. ...	115,741	79,383	0 10 11	123,807	84,674	0 10 11	+ 8,066	7	+ 5,291	7
	3rd do. ...	84,412	45,400	0 8 7	92,713	46,921	0 8 1	+ 8,301	10	+ 1,521	3
	Total...	241,822	1,65,115	0 10 11	258,865	1,81,493	0 11 3	+ 17,043	7	+16,378	10
Wet.	1st Group ...	121	461	3 12 8	153	926	6 0 10	+ 32	26	+ 465	101
	2nd do. ...	2,064	9,290	4 8 0	2,413	12,903	5 5 7	+ 349	17	+ 3,613	39
	3rd do. ...	1,908	7,921	4 2 5	2,384	12,901	5 1 3	+ 476	25	+ 4,980	63
	Total...	4,093	17,672	4 5 1	4,950	23,730	5 6 5	+ 857	21	+ 9,058	51
Total.	1st Group ...	41,790	4,793	.....	42,498	50,824	.....	+ 708	2	+10,031	25
	2nd do. ...	117,805	88,673	.....	126,220	97,577	.....	+ 8,415	7	+ 8,904	10
	3rd do. ...	86,320	53,321	.....	95,097	59,822	.....	+ 8,777	10	+ 6,501	12
	Total...	245,915	1,82,787	.....	263,815	2,08,223	.....	+ 17,900	7	+25,436	14

5. It will be seen that the main increase in dry lands falls upon the first group villages, and amounts to 24 per cent. This is owing to these villages comprising within their limits fine tracts of pure regada, hitherto very leniently assessed; most probably because, at the time of the former settlement, this part

of the country was deemed remote and jungly. Now, however, this is all changed, and the railway, passing through Madikerra and hard by the best portion of this first group tract, carries away the cotton and other produce to the best markets. In some of these regada villages, the increase fell heavily; but the lands were of avowedly superior quality, and the ryots were really obliged to admit the fairness of the demand now made. The new settlement average for these richest villages stands at Rupees 1-2-10 per acre; whereas the present average for the best "Renád" villages in the neighbouring taluq of Koilguntla comes to Rupees 1-13-10, and will, under the recently sanctioned settlement, be more than Rupees 2 per acre.

6. The enhancement on the wet lands appears, at first sight, very heavy, being 51 per cent.; but not only is there a large increase by survey, viz., 857 acres or 21 per cent., but the former rates were, in many instances, more suitable for dry than for wet lands. The present average per acre comes to Rupees 5-6-5, and when it is remembered that the lands comprised in this small wet area of und 5,000 acres are not only highly esteemed, but are certainly pretty remunerat and that the highest rate is not more than Rupees 7 per acre, there is nothin be said against the present arrangements. I found that the ryots were, only very few instances, willing to compo for the second crop.

Items.	Extent.	Assessment.	Average.
	ACRES.	RS.	RS. A. P.
As per Revenue Accounts of Fasli 1281.	605	1,902	3 2 6
As per Settlement Account after deducting one-fourth the assessment.	724	3,290	4 8 8
Increase	119	1,388	.....
Percentage	19·67	73	.....

Items.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS. A. P.
As per Revenue Accounts of Fasli 1281.	1,408	2,606 1 0
As per Settlement ...	...	1,640 1 0
Decrease	...	966 0 0
Percentage	...	37 0 0

7. The marginal statement sh the result of the new rates upon the do voo well lands which are classed as wet, with a deduction of one-fourth of the assessment as compensation for baling. These lands were also exempted as in Cuddapah from any charge on account of second crop, whenever the holders can manage to obtain one. This slight encouragement to private exertion seemed to be appreciated.

8. The old "Bagayet" or "well lands," which were lately reduced to the highest dry rate of the village, were still further reduced when the bare classification rate was affixed thereto according to recent orders. In the present instance, the reduction comes to only Rupees 966 as shown in the margin; but in the Cuddapah taluqs, about to be reported upon, the falling off in this item of assessment now so easily paid assumes far more formidable proportions, and will need full and special consideration.

9. The accompanying short statement shows that the survey increase, which was calculated at 8 per cent. all round, turns out to be only 1·69 per cent. upon the rich first group villages; the increase in area falling mainly on the poorer

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soils, and thus necessarily decreasing results anticipated before the actual introduction of the new areas:—

Groups.	As per Revenue Accounts.	As per new Survey.	Difference.	Percentage.	
	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	CENTS.
1st group	41,790	42,498	+ 708	1	69
2nd do.	1,17,805	1,26,220	+ 8,415	7	14
3rd do.	86,320	95,097	+ 8,777	10	17
Total...	2,45,915	2,63,815	+ 17,900	7	28

10. In those instances where the new rates seemed to press with severity, and where there seemed good grounds for leniency, I made alleviations after personal inquiry, and the new puttas were all taken with but little demur. The present assessment, with the cesses added thereto, is fair and just, but I should not wish to see it higher.

11. The new rates have been affixed to the excess Inam areas as discovered by survey, and will yield an annual assessment of Rupees 7,718 as shown below. The assessment thus newly fixed will be realized together with the new rates on the Government lands for the current fasli:—

Groups.	Number of Fields.	Extent as per Revenue Accounts.	Reduction at 10 per Cent. allowed.	Total.	Extent as per Survey.	Remaining Excess liable to Assessment.	Assessment as per Settlement.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		ACRES. C.	ACRES. C.	ACRES. C.	ACRES. C.	ACRES. C.	RS. A. P.
1st group	288	3,573 85	357 1	3,930 86	4,454 84	523 98	479 8 0
2nd do.	2,647	27,310 49	2,729 67	30,040 16	35,030 94	4,990 78	3,300 12 0
3rd do.	3,594	29,342 96	2,933 54	32,276 50	40,268 18	7,991 68	3,938 9 0
Total...	6,529	60,227 30	6,020 22	66,247 52	79,753 96	13,506 44	7,718 13 0
						Average assessment per acre...	0 9 2

12. I must not omit to mention that I could not have carried out the introduction of the new settlement so easily or so speedily, had it not been for the aid so cheerfully furnished by the Deputy-Collector Doddy Timmappah, who knows the taluq and its inhabitants most thoroughly.

13. I may finally note that this taluq furnishes a good illustration of the advantages of this department carrying on demarcation and classification simultaneously as advocated by the Board. Had we not pursued this course in the present instance, instead of the taluq being out of hand as is now the case, we should be just thinking about beginning settlement work, as the remaining survey areas were only furnished in December last, and the maps are not yet ready.

THE Director of Revenue Settlement reports that the introduction of the new Revenue Settlement, sanctioned by G. O. dated 14th May 1872, No. 798-B, into Patticondah Taluq of Kurnool is complete.

2. The net result is an average enhancement of all the land-tax paid in 1282 of 12 per cent., exclusive of other rates and cesses. This increase is made up of an average enhancement of 10 per cent. on all dry lands, and of 51 per cent. on the limited area of wet land, and is due to a direct increased demand of 14 per cent. on the assessed land and to increased areas. The old accepted areas proved on an average 7 per cent. less than the accurate acreable measurement sustained. Under this head, the heaviest enhancement has fallen, as respects dry land, on the poorer lands, the accepted areas of which have naturally been less exact. A large excess, 21 per cent., was likewise found in wet lands.

3. There is an increase under the head of doravoo well lands and a large reduction under that of old well lands. In both instances, the extent of land under settlement is small.

4. The excess in Inam areas is considerable, and yields an increase of Rupees 7,718.

5. On the whole, the Board endorse the Director's dictum that the settlement is fair and just.

6. The expedition with which it has been introduced is very creditable to the department.

No. 75. ORDER THEREON, 14th May 1873, No. 475.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) R. A. DALYELL,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

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