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*Proceedings of the Madras Government, Revenue Department,
27th April 1874.*

No. 223. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 24th March 1874, No. 664 :—

Read the following letter from R. K. PUCKLE, Esq., Collector of Tinnevely, to J. GROSE, Esq., Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated 5th February 1874, No. 69 :—

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2. The accounts of the villages under the irrigation of the Sittou river, in the Tinnevely Taluk, were worked up with the following results :—

3. *Village Boundaries.*—These villages are now eighteen in number formed by the amalgamation of twenty-five old villages as follows :—

Names of Settlement Villages.	Names of Jammabundi Villages.	Portion merged.	CULTIVATED AREA OF GOVERNMENT LANDS.		Remarks.
			Acrea.	Annas.	
1. Ukkirankottai.....	1. Ukkirankottai	All ..	2,065	3,024	
2. Alagiapandiapuram ...	2. Alagiapandiapuram ...	Do. ...	2,415	1,311	
3. Kattarakulam	3. Kattarakulam	Do. ...	1,342	718	
4. Seliyanallur	4. Seliyanallur	Do. ...	2,619	4,919	
5. Piranjert	5. Piranjert.....	Part ..	4,352	4,527	An isolated hamlet of Sittou Chet-trum.
6. Ittikulam	6. Ittikulam	All ..	263	268	
	7. Voppankulam.....	Do. ...	180	68	
			4,875	4,078	An isolated uninhabited tract.
	8. Piranjert.....	Part ..	539	443	An isolated fragment of a village.
	9. Aliyankurankulam ..	All ..	317	411	
			701	1,698	A petty village with non-resident land-holders.
7. Terkonatti	10. Terkopatti	Do. ...	505	545	A petty village between Terku-patti and the river.
	11. Sidakurichi	Do. ...	271	636	
			776	1,231	
8. Kalakudi	12. Kalakudi.....	Do. ...	1,547	1,909	An uninhabited tract.
	13. Aliyonpudukulam	Do. ...	119	815	
			1,667	2,313	
9. Ettankulam.....	14. Ettankulam	Do. ...	2,093	1,946	A petty village included.
	15. Tirunelapuram	Do. ...	300	430	
	16. Manur	Part ..	267	115	
			2,360	1,611	An outlying fragment of a vil-lage.
10. Manur	17. Manur	Do. ...	1,347	3,455	Outlying fragments of villages.
	Madavakurichi	Do. ...	83	13	
	18. Alankuram.....	Do. ...	182	34	
			1,542	3,532	
11. Madavakurichi.....	19. Madavakurichi	Do. ...	3,898	5,273	
12. Marudi	20. Marudi	All ..	785	1,554	Outlying fragments of villages.
	Marudi	Part ..	96	113	
	Arakapuram.....	Do. ...	402	1,395	
			1,285	3,067	
13. Kanaspatti	21. Kanaspatti	All ..	1,304	739	
14. Pillmarkulam	22. Pillmarkulam.....	Do. ...	3,031	3,373	
15. Pallikottai	23. Pallikottai	Part ..	2,722	3,282	
16. Tekkiam	Do.	Do. ...	2,310	3,659	A sub-division of Pallikotte now forming a separate village.
17. Gengondan	24. Gengondan	All ..	3,347	7,277	
18. Padmalampar	25. Padmalampar	Do. ...	171	616	

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4. *Grouping of Villages.*—The eighteen villages thus formed have all been placed for settlement purposes in the third group.

5. *Classification of Soils.*—The river-irrigated soil is, for the most part, black loam, except in three villages, south of the river near gravelly uplands, where the soil is red.

The following table exhibits the classification of the river-irrigated area:—

Classification.		
Class.	Sort.	Area.
		ACRES.
4	3	1,334
4	4	1,315
4	5	1,007
7	2	138
7	3	708
7	4	246
7	5	177
		5,740

6. *Second Crop.*—The second crop charge has been consolidated on 4,832 acres of the 714 acres now settled.

ASSESSMENT.					Average Assessment on the Six-tar Irrigated Lands per Acre.
Rate.	Area.	For 1st Crop.	For 2nd Crop.	Total.	
Rs. A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS. A. P.
3 8 0	402	357			
3 0 0	111	333			
	213	690	82	772	3 10 0

7. *Relinquished Tanks.*—There are eight rain-fed tanks, irrigating 274 acres, which are classed as follows:—

Classification.		
Class.	Sort.	Area.
		ACRES.
		274

8. *Second crop charge.*—The second crop charge has been consolidated on 100 acres under four tanks out of the 213 acres now settled.

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The assessment on the rain-fed tank lands is as follows:—

Rate.	Area.	ASSESSMENT.			Average Assessment on Lands under rain-fed Tanks per Acre.
		For first Crop.	For second Crop.	Total.	
Rs. A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS. A. P.
3 8 0	402	357			
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	213	690	82	772	3 10 0

9. Besides the eight tanks abovementioned, a small rain-fed tank in the village of Alagiapandiapuram, with a nominal ayacut of 18 acres, was made over to the sole puttadar at a permanent lump assessment of Rupees 45.

10. *Lands supplied by Baling.*—High level lands supplied by baling from channels or channel-fed tanks have been assessed at half the rate assigned to the block in which they are situated. The area thus rated is 35 acres assessed at Rupees 85.

11. *Garden Land.*—There are 171 acres supplied by lift from Government wells, of which 118 acres have been assessed at Rupees 3-8-0 an acre and 53 acres at Rupees 2-8-0 an acre giving a total assessment of Rupees 540.

12. *Ordinary Dry Lands.*—These lands vary considerably in character and value from black cotton soil, assessed at 1 Rupee per acre to gravelly uplands, assessed at only 1 Rupee per acre, and have been classified and assessed, as follows:—

CLASSIFICATION.		Taram.	Rate per Acre.	Area.	Assessment.	Average per Acre.
Class.	Sort.					
			Rs. A. P.		Rs.	Rs. A. P.
4	3	5	1 0 0	2,697	2,698	
4	4	6	0 12 0	240	240	
4	5	7	0 8 0	3,338	1,695	
7	3	6	0 12 0	287	215	
7	4	7	0 8 0	500	205	
7	5	8	0 6 0	6	2	
8	1	5	1 0 0	17	17	
8	3	7	0 8 0	2,423	1,212	
8	4	8	0 0 0	12,975	4,838	
8	5	9	0 4 0	15,897	3,981	
				38,420	15,133	0 6 4

13. *Palmyras.*—The charge on palmyras in the cultivated fields has been consolidated for a sum total of Rupees 672. This is the charge for palmyras only, and is over and above the taram assessment of the fields that the palmyras stand on. The fixed charge on the trees includes the growing seedlings, and this has raised the assessment on the trees in the area thus settled by Rupees 150.

14. *Pasturage.*—165 acres, assessed at Rupees 62, have been set aside as pasturage in four villages, but in the rest the dry lands held on putta being only partly cultivated afford sufficient grazing ground for the cattle.

15. *Building-sites.*—About 21 acres, assessed at Rupees 17, have been added to the village building-sites where those were insufficient, and no puttas have been issued for any land or trees in the building-sites.

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16. *Division of common lands.*—10,654 acres hitherto held in common, have been divided among 308 share-holders, and the sharing system has now ceased in these villages, except as regards petty holdings retained in common for special purposes.

17. *Transfer of Pottas.*—615 pottas have been transferred with the consent of the parties concerned.

18. *Results of the Settlement.*—The average total of the land assessment of these villages for the last five years is, deducting remissions for waste and withered crops, Chattrapam, Stathural, Rupees 45,578 as per statement enclosed; the land assessment now fixed by settlement is Rupees 47,471, including Rupees 2,127, the assessment of lands taken up during settlement, there is, therefore, a net increase of Rupees 1,893.

Enclosure No. 1.—Statement showing area and assessment of the villages under the Sittar river.

Enclosure No. 2.—Map.

Summary for the information of Government.

1. In this letter Mr. Puckle reports that during December last the accounts of the eighteen villages under the Sittar river were completed.

2. The wet lands directly under river-irrigation comprise an area of acres 5,740, assessed at Rupees 20,078, or Rupees 3.496 per acre for the first crop which seems moderate enough, as Mr. Puckle says they consist generally of black lands. Of this above-mentioned, 3,832 acres have been compounded for; the assessment thus arranged for the second crop being Rupees 1,232, or Rupees 3.19 per acre. The Board will be aware whether Mr. Puckle anticipates any room for fraud by compounding for only a portion of the area in a village. Under the compounding extends over a large area of land, and it is not unlikely that some of the land will be taken up for cultivation, which would not be included in the assessment, and frauds may consequently occur. From the assessment now fixed upon this river-irrigated tract is seen side by side with its average demand during the last five years, there is a falling off of Rupees 4,011, although the settlement area exceeds the average area of those five years by acres 560.

3. The second crop under the rain-fed lands was consolidated in the case of 105 acres at Rupees 82, or less than the Rupees per acre then assessed laid down by Government in paragraph 19 of their Proceedings upon the Trincomalee settlement dated 13th April 1864. This may be owing to differences having been made for being, but the cause should be explained.

4. Mr. Puckle has assessed the ordinary dry lands at Rupees 15.133 for the 38,420 acres, or at Rupees 0.394 per acre on the average. From the enclosure which accompanies Mr. Puckle's letter, it is gathered that the falling off in 1873, when compared with the revenue of the last five years, is Rupees 635, but here again Mr. Puckle's settlement area exceeds that of the average by acres 560.

5. In their Proceedings of the 5th inst. the Board pointed out that when comparing the old demand with the new, remissions for withered crops and waste should not be deducted from the former here, as remissions for the same will be the new rates. In the present case, Mr. Puckle has not only deducted the remissions of the old rates, but has added to the other side a sum of Rupees 2,127, being the assessment of lands newly taken up. As this newly acquired area is not shown on the other side of the account, the settlement should not be detailed in the new demand when the comparison is made. Moreover, there is no guarantee that the recently acquired cultivation will be permanently retained. When the actual demand under the old and new regimes on the same lands is compared, the result is a decrease of nearly Rupees 4,000 as thus shown:—

Former demand, as given by Mr. Puckle	45,578	New settlement, as given by Mr. Puckle	47,471
Add average remissions for waste, &c.	5,745	Demand lands newly taken up	2,127
	49,323		45,344
		Less by new settlement	3,979

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7. Mr. Puckle should, therefore, inform the Board, as soon as possible, of the financial result of the work hitherto completed in Tinnevely when tested by comparison made in the manner now prescribed, which is the manner adopted elsewhere.

No. 224. ORDER THEREON, 27th April 1874, No. 515.

Miscellaneous.

The Government await the further report called for from the Collector.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Acting Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue.

Edw. F. R. Pattleman.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 24th March 1874.

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5. Piranjeri	5. Piranjeri	Part ..	4,353	4,427	
	6. Irukulam	All ..	363	234	An isolated hamlet of Sittar Chattram.
	7. Voppakulam	Do. ..	160	68	An isolated uninhabited tract.
			4,875	4,073	
5. Sittar Chattram	8. Sittar Chattram	Do. ..	135	603	
	Piranjeri	Part ..	350	494	An isolated fragment of a village.
	9. Aiyankarichukulam ..	All ..	517	411	A petty village with non-resident land-holders.
			702	1,508	
7. Pookupatt	10. Pookupatt	Do. ..	256	443	
11. Sankarand	11. Sankarand	Do. ..	671	500	A petty village between Sittar and Chattram.
			775	1,301	
3. Kalakudi	12. Kalakudi	Do. ..	1,537	1,003	
	13. Aiyenpukulam	Do. ..	113	310	An uninhabited tract.
			1,650	2,313	
9. Ettankulam	14. Ettankulam	Do. ..	2,053	1,046	
	15. Tirumalapuram	Do. ..	300	480	A petty village included.
	16. Manur	Part ..	207	113	An outlying fragment of a village.
			2,559	1,641	
10. Manur	17. Manur	Do. ..	1,327	2,357	
	Madavakurichi	Do. ..	33	13	
	18. Aibukapuram	Do. ..	180	84	Outlying fragments of villages.
			1,540	2,354	
11. Madavakurichi	19. Madavakurichi	Do. ..	2,394	4,278	
12. Mavadi	20. Mavadi	All ..	285	1,524	
	Manur	Part ..	33	118	
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15. Pallikottai	23. Pallikottai	Part ..	2,702	3,333	
16. Pankulam	Do.	Do. ..	2,210	3,339	A sub-division of Pallikottai now forming a separate village.
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The following table exhibits the classification of the river-irrigated area:—

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7	5	177
		5,749

6. *Second Crop.*—The second crop charge has been consolidated on 4,382 acres of the 5,749 acres now settled.

The assessment on the river-irrigated lands is as under:—

Rate.	Area.	ASSESSMENT.			Average assessment on the settled irrigated land per acre.
		For first Crop.	For second Crop.	Total.	
RS. A. P.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS. A. P.
3 8 0	1,304	357			
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7. *Rain-fed Tanks.*—There are eight rain-fed tanks, irrigating 213 acres, which are classified as follows:—

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10. *Lands supplied by Baling.*—High level lands supplied by baling from channels or channel-fed tanks have been assessed at half the rate assigned to the block in which they are situated. The area thus rated is 85 acres assessed at Rupees 35.

11. *Garden Land.*—There are 171 acres supplied by lift from Government wells, of which 113 acres have been assessed at Rupees 3-8-0 an acre and 58 acres at Rupees 2-8-0 an acre giving a total assessment of Rupees 546.

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7	5	8	0 6 0	6	2	
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14. *Pasturage.*—160 acres, assessed at Rupees 62, have been set aside as pasturage in four villages, but in the rest the dry lands held on putta being only partly cultivated afford sufficient grazing ground for the cattle.

15. *Building-sites.*—About 21 acres, assessed at Rupees 17, have been added to the village building-sites where there were insufficient, and no puttas have been issued for any land or trees in the building-sites.

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The Government will be further acquainted with

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