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28th July 1875.*

No. 794. Read the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 14th April 1875, No. 919:—

With reference to G. O., dated 25th July 1872, No. 1,766, Public Works Department, the Board resolve to forward to Government a statement showing the actual return from irrigation in each district for Fasli 1283 (1873-74).

2. Implicit reliance cannot be placed on the figures entered in columns 13 and 14 of the statement under lands irrigated free of charge. In the first place it is not quite clear whether the area therein entered is that irrigated free of special charge for water, or whether it is land irrigated free of all charge, *i.e.*, free of water-rate and free of quit-rent. The figures entered in these columns are taken from Enclosure E. to Jummabundi Statement No. 3, which was intended to show only lands irrigated free of all charge. The Collectors of Kistna, Bellary, and Kurnool enter no figures under these heads, while the Collector of the first-named district enters in his Canal Register 20,501 acres as Zemindari and Inam land irrigated free of water-rate and free of quit-rent. The Collectors are requested to report what the figures actually represent, and the Collectors of Kistna, Bellary, and Kurnool will also state why no area is entered under the head of free irrigation. The submission of the statement to Government, however, will not be delayed, as the entries in these columns do not affect the total revenue.

3. The statement does not as usual include the revenue on irrigated lands in South Canara, or quit-rents on irrigated Inam lands, for which information is not fully available. The Board, however, hope that next year they will be able to show the amount of quit-rent charged on Inam lands as irrigated.

4. The total amount of irrigated revenue is Rupees 192,32,465 against Rupees 201,35,083 in the preceding Fasli. The decrease is due to unfavorable seasons in the districts of Chingleput, North Arcot, South Arcot, Madura and Tinnevely.

5. No works of irrigation are maintained by Government in the districts of South Canara, Malabar, or Nilgiris.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) H. E. STOKES,
Acting Secretary.

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Statement showing the Revenue due to Irrigation in each District of the Madras Presidency &c.—(Concluded.)

No. 772.

No. 794-A.

MEMORANDUM.

THE statement of revenue due to irrigation for Fasli 1283 (1873-74) compared with that of the preceding year exhibits the following results:—

Description of Lands.	1873-73.		1873-74.	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
Government Lands	3,989,060	193,03,132	3,853,360	184,22,740
Inam and Zemindary	271,701	8,31,951	244,117	8,09,716
Land irrigated free of charge...	Inam	422,263	401,584	...
	Zemindary	110,990	84,827	...
Total	4,794,014	201,35,083	4,583,888	192,32,465

The decrease in the later year is in area ... Acres 210,126
Revenue ... Rupees 8,92,618

The remissions of the two years are as follow:—

	1872-73.	1873-74.
	RS.	RS.
On account of excess or failure of water	2,45,031	6,04,952
Other usual remissions	7,48,745	9,24,368

The Board state that the decrease of revenue is due to unfavorable seasons in certain districts, but the increase under usual remissions has not been noticed.

The particulars of charges for the several districts are given in the subjoined statement, and the general result is as follows:—

	Revenue.	Charges.	Per Acre.	Per cent.
1872-73	4,794,014	201,35,083	0.35	8.41
1873-74	4,583,888	192,32,465	0.46	9.67

It is certain from the estimates requiring the sanction of Government which have been reviewed in detail, as also from the numerous accidents which have occurred, that a vast number of the old irrigation works of the country need radical reformation, and that it will take many years to deal effectually with them.

Districts.	TOTAL LANDS IRRIGATED.			ESTABLISHMENT.						WORKS.		Total of Columns 9 and 10.	PUBLIC WORKS CHARGES.		AVERAGE ASSESSMENT PER ACRE.		Remarks.
	Area.	Assessment.	Secre- tariat.	Account.	District Engi- neers.	Construc- tion.	Conser- vancy.	Total.	Repairs.	RS.	RS.		Per Acre.	Per cent on Revenue	Govern- ment Lands.	Total Area.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
Ganjam ...	ACRES. 192,770	RS. 5,17,379	RS. 209	RS. 220	RS. 1,835	RS. 3,928	RS. 1,223	RS. 7,415	RS. 16,223	RS. 23,638	RS. 0.12	RS. 4.57	RS. 2.88	RS. 2.68	Column 14 = Column 15 of Board of Revenue Return.		
Vizagapatam.	55,148	2,50,647	225	237	1,256	2,433	469	4,620	17,480	22,100	0.40	8.81	6.60	4.54	Column 15 = Column 16 of Board of Revenue Return.		
Godavery ...	567,282	23,42,724	2,403	2,520	10,104	46,848	41,900	1,03,775	1,86,097	2,89,872	0.51	12.37	5.74	4.13			
Kistna ...	191,153	10,21,647	1,983	2,080	6,244	28,521	24,048	62,876	1,53,558	2,16,434	1.13	21.18	5.63	5.34			
Nellore ...	222,254	9,02,606	873	915	3,127	12,528	4,604	22,047	67,580	89,627	0.10	9.93	4.58	4.06			
Cuddapah ...	135,293	9,04,311	370	388	2,552	8,173	...	11,483	28,667	40,150	0.29	4.44	6.93	6.63			
Kurnool ...	38,573	2,43,597	205	215	1,896	4,590	...	6,996	14,855	22,761	0.59	9.34	6.24	6.31			
Bellary ...	192,140	2,43,597	205	215	1,896	4,590	...	6,996	14,855	22,761	0.59	9.34	6.24	6.31			
Presidency ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Chingleput...	326,976	9,71,240	283	297	5,052	2,136	...	7,768	39,569	54,625	0.43	7.68	5.66	5.68			
North Arcot	266,115	12,08,020	2,521	2,643	8,544	22,543	2,537	38,788	1,95,143	2,33,931	0.71	24.09	3.39	2.96			
South Arcot	370,285	16,24,415	1,914	2,007	5,868	23,233	3,937	36,959	1,85,143	1,85,143	0.70	15.32	5.22	4.33			
Salem ...	106,686	4,77,536	392	411	3,371	8,115	3,795	17,659	89,880	1,07,539	0.29	6.62	4.83	4.38			
Bangalore ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Tanjore ...	940,618	36,33,103	1,517	1,590	7,401	24,414	6,832	41,754	1,17,474	1,59,228	0.17	4.38	4.64	3.86			
Trichinopoly.	227,126	7,61,058	666	698	3,536	10,082	3,313	18,295	51,554	69,849	0.30	9.18	4.13	3.39			
Neilgherry ...	40	90	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Coimbatore ...	103,236	6,02,899	976	1,022	6,053	10,117	...	18,168	75,527	93,695	0.90	15.54	2.25	2.25			
Malabar ...	388,171	11,65,177	23	24	53	258	104	468	1,784	2,252	0.005	0.19	3.00	3.00			
South Canara	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...			
Madura ...	160,823	5,54,577	545	570	2,708	5,535	192	9,550	42,055	51,605	...	...	...	...			
Tinnevelly ...	166,199	13,40,273	1,293	1,355	4,762	19,810	2,747	29,967	1,00,120	1,30,087	0.80	9.70	8.33	8.06			
Total ...	4,583,888	19,32,465	18,070	18,945	79,936	2,48,816	95,701	4,61,468	13,99,002	18,60,470	0.46	9.67	4.78	4.19			

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23th July 1875.

The following Abstract Statement shows in a more concise form the areas, revenue, maintenance charges and balance of revenue for the year:—

Districts.	GOVERNMENT LANDS.		TOTAL LANDS.		Maintenance charges.	Balance of Revenue
	Area.	Assessment.	Area.	Assessment.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	RS.	RS.
Ganjam ...	179,099	5,16,314	192,770	5,17,379	23,638	4,93,741
Vizagapatam ...	37,967	2,50,482	55,148	2,50,647	22,100	2,28,547
Godavery ...	303,828	17,45,155	567,282	23,42,724	2,89,872	20,52,852
Kistna ...	166,853	9,40,652	191,153	10,21,547	2,16,434	8,05,213
Nellore ...	192,930	8,93,446	222,254	9,02,606	89,627	8,12,979
Cuddapah ...	128,060	8,87,204	135,293	9,04,311	40,150	8,64,161
Kurnool ...	34,378	2,28,172	38,573	2,43,597	22,761	2,20,836
Bellary ...	122,634	6,94,932	125,140	7,11,166	54,625	6,56,541
Presidency ...						
Chingleput ...	284,703	9,62,664	326,976	9,71,240	29,663	7,07,646
North Arcot ...	227,621	11,89,210	266,115	12,08,020	2,33,931	10,22,877
South Arcot ...	333,800	16,11,927	370,285	16,24,415	1,85,143	15,16,876
Salem ...	92,796	4,76,335	106,686	4,77,536	1,07,539	4,39,265
Bangalore ...					38,271	
Tanjore ...	778,850	36,18,518	940,618	36,33,103	1,59,228	34,73,875
Trichinopoly ...	184,676	7,53,733	227,126	7,61,058	69,849	6,91,209
Neelgherry ...	40	90	40	90		90
Coimbatore ...	93,969	5,99,307	103,236	6,02,899	93,695	5,09,204
Malabar ...	388,171	11,65,177	388,171	11,65,177	2,252	11,62,925
South Canara ...						
Madura ...	142,257	5,49,517	160,823	5,54,577	51,605	5,02,972
Tinnevely ...	160,728	13,39,854	166,199	13,40,273	1,30,087	12,10,186
Total ...	3,853,360	184,22,749	4,583,888	192,32,465	18,60,470	173,71,995
1872-73 ...						184,40,127

The Board of Revenue hope to give in the statement for 1874-75 the revenue on irrigated lands in South Canara and the quereents on irrigated Inam lands.

OOTACAMUND,
15th July 1875.

(Signed)

MULLINS, Lieut.-Colonel, R.E.,

Officiating Chief Engineer, P.W.D.

No. 795.

ORDER THEREON, 28th July 1875, No. 2,197.

IRRIGATION, No. 77.

RECORDED and communicated to the officers concerned and to the Revenue Department. The Government doubt whether there is any artificial irrigation from Government sources in Canara.

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23th July 1875.

2. Ordered that a copy of these Proceedings be forwarded for the information of the Government of India.

(True Extract.)

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Major, R.E.,

Under Joint Secretary to Government.

To the Controller of Public Works Accounts.

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