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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 10th July 1876.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 16th May 1876, No. 550, Public Department :—

ABSTRACT.—*Administration Report.*—Despatch from Secretary of State forwarding correspondence with Sir Arthur Cotton, and requesting that the titles of the various statements in future Administration Reports may be clearly expressed, &c., communicated to the Board of Revenue and Public Works Department.

DUE attention will be paid to the correct description of the titles of the several statements forwarded by the Board, but in the case under notice, the Board beg to observe that the statement given at page 155 of the Government Administration Report was not submitted by the Board with their Administration Report, but was compiled by Government from the figures furnished by the Board in their report reviewed in G. O., dated 22nd May 1874, No. 1,380.

2. Sir Arthur Cotton expresses his inability to discover whether the whole area given in the statement at page 155 represents the total area irrigated, or only that portion charged with water-rate. It neither represents the total area irrigated, nor that charged with water-rate alone. It is the area irrigated exclusive of Inam lands bearing quit-rent, but not subjected to water-rate. This is explained in the Board's report recorded in the Government Order above quoted. Moreover, the figures include land irrigated in the non-deltaic taluqs.

3. The total area irrigated in Fasli 1284 (1874-75) in the two districts including Inam lands bearing quit-rent and the lands irrigated in the upland taluqs is as follows :—

Fasli and its corresponding years.	District.	Area.	Revenue including Land Assessment, Water-tax, and Quit-rent.
		ACRES.	RS.
Fasli 1283 (1873-74.)	Godavery	567,282	23,42,724
	Kistna	191,153	10,21,647
		693,068	24,65,615
Fasli 1284 (1874-75.)	Godavery	291,557	11,95,851
	Kistna		

4. Of course the whole area irrigated does not pay water-rate, nor is water-rate 4 Rupees an acre throughout. There are Inam and Zemindari lands on which no water-rate is charged, and the rates lower than 4 Rupees are charged in the case of dry crops irrigated and lands irrigated by lift. Remissions are also granted when crops perish or lands are left waste owing to defective supply. The irrigation statements, which are being prepared for all importants works, will give the details in full.

(A true Extract.)

A. J. Arbuthnot
Acting Secretary.

To the Chief Secretary to Government, Public Department.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. A. Grubert.

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