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PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 6th March 1877.

Read the following Proceedings of the Madras Government, dated 14th December 1876, No. 2,038, Revenue Department:—

Read the following letter from H. B. CHAPMAN, Esq., Secretary to the Government of India, Financial Department (Accounts), to the Hon. D. F. CARMICHAEL, Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort St. George, dated Fort William, 30th November 1876, No. 2,828:—

I AM directed to request that, with the permission of his Grace the Governor in Council, you will be good enough to furnish to this Department returns in the accompanying form illustrative of the increase of Land Revenue in the Madras Presidency.

2. The statistics, it will be observed, are required for three fiscal years, viz., 1st, the fiscal year before the last revision of settlement or of ryotwar assessment; 2nd, the first complete fiscal year immediately after such revision; 3rd, the latest fiscal year.

3. In the Bengal Presidency, it would embarrass a proper comparison of results, were the return to embrace the year 1856-57 or any earlier period, because territory was acquired in the interval between that year and 1861-62 by confiscations. Accordingly, for the Bengal Presidency, the year 1861 or 1862, as may be suited to the particular province, should be adopted for determining which are revised settlements: all settlements from that year inclusive should be regarded as revised settlements. For the Madras and Bombay Presidencies the same year will be adopted in the main series; but in addition, a supplemental series of the Returns 1 to 4 should be submitted, bringing the information down to 1861 or 1862, in respect of settlements now current which were revised before that year. The statistics of Land Revenue and Cesses for the latest fiscal year should also be given in this supplementary series.

4. Districts in the Bengal Presidency, the settlement of which may not have been revised since 1860, should be entered in the returns in a separate section by themselves; and all districts should, as far as possible, be entered in the returns in the order of the dates in which the existing settlements will expire.

5. The revised settlement, in provinces under village settlement, and the revised rates of assessment in territories under ryotwar settlement, are not introduced simultaneously in all the talugs or tehsils in a district. As the statements now required are wanted for ascertaining the state of the Land Revenue Demand (illustrated by the collections) before and after each revision of settlement or of assessment, the figures should be given separately for each aggregate of the several portions of a district which came under settlement in the same year, whereby the sum of the totals for the several talugs or tehsils, though severally appertaining to different years, will give the correct district total for one complete fiscal year immediately before, and for one year immediately after the revision of assessment. A column is provided in the returns for distinguishing the dates of periods of the revision of settlement.

6. Where it is usual, as in the Bombay Presidency, to include the value of revenue-free lands in the statements of Land Revenue, any statistics relating to such lands should be shown separately in a distinct column, and the amounts of such revenue should not be included in the total of Imperial Land Revenue and Cesses.

7. I am to request the favor of the transmission of the returns above mentioned immediately on their completion. I am further to request that (a copy of the returns having been first transmitted) the Government of India may, as soon after as practicable, be favored with a review of the returns. It is desired to ascertain very roughly what likelihood there may be of an increase of Land Revenue on the next revision of settlement, in any proportion approaching to that of the increase in the last revision, that is, if (putting aside casual disturbances by famine) the range of prices which has obtained in recent years is likely to continue or not to revert to those which obtained from 1865 to 1867. It would be useful to this end to separate in the review those portions of the increase of Land Revenue, as apparent in the last revision of settlement, which were due to other causes than revision of rates of assessment and ordinary increase of cultivation. The Revenue Survey of a district has, in ryotwar provinces, brought to light concealed cultivation. It would materially help if the increase of Land Revenue from this cause, which cannot recur on the same extensive scale in the next revision, could be approximately stated. Increases from acquisitions of territory from other provinces, or from Native States in exchange for territory made over to them in some other province, might also be distinguished.

The review might also be illustrated by a table showing for each district the areas, respectively, of cultivated and cultivable land under land tax in the year immediately preceding, and in the first complete year immediately following the last revision of settlement; also the area of cultivable land, not held revenue-free but not taxed at the date of last revision. The areas should be stated in acres.

Abstract showing Totals for the Presidency or Province.

Land Revenue Year.	For the last Year under the Division of SETTLEMENT or (RYOTWAR) ASSESSMENT.			For the first Year under New Division of SETTLEMENT or (RYOTWAR) ASSESSMENT.		
	Demand, including Arrears.	Collections for the Year only.	Total Collections, including Arrears and Advance.	Demand, including Arrears.	Collections for the Year only.	Total Collections, including Arrears and Advance.
	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.
Imperial:						
Land-revenue						
Cesses:						
Rents, rights, tenure of summary settlements						
Village Chuukeedarree or rural Police						
Abkaree						
Village Service						
Pensions						
Total						
Canal Revenue						

N.B.—The year on which the first year of a new Land Revenue Settlement is based should be stated.

STATEMENT No. 2.

Names of Districts.	Total Land-revenue Demand for the Year only.												Canal Revenue.*		
	For the fiscal Year before last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.				For the first complete fiscal Year since last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.				For the latest fiscal Year.						
	Fiscal Year for which the Statistics are given.	Imperial.	Cesses.	Total.	Date from which revised Settlement or Assessment was introduced.	Complete Year next after preceding Date, for which the various figures for demand and collections respectively are given.	Imperial.	Cesses.	Total.	Latest fiscal Year.	Imperial.	Cesses.	Total.	For fiscal Year before last Revision of Settlement or Ryotwar Assessment.	For the first complete fiscal Year since last Revision of Settlement or Ryotwar Assessment.	For the latest fiscal Year.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(Districts should be entered in the order indicated in paragraph 4 of the Circular.)																
Total ...																

* Under this head should be entered only such canal revenue as is credited in the accounts as Public Works receipts, not as land-revenue. Water advantage rates and any similar items which are included in the land-revenue demand and are credited as land-revenue should be included in the total of land-revenue and be detailed in Statements Nos. 6 to 8.

STATEMENT No. 3.

Names of Districts.	Total Land-revenue Demand, including Arrears.									Canal Revenue.*		
	For fiscal Year before last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.			For the first complete fiscal Year since last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.			For the latest fiscal Year.			For fiscal Year before last Revision of Settlement or Ryotwar Assessment.	For the first complete fiscal Year since last Revision of Settlement or Ryotwar Assessment.	For the latest fiscal Year.
	Imperial.	Cesses.	Total.	Imperial.	Cesses.	Total.	Imperial.	Cesses.	Total.			
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(Districts should be entered in the order indicated in paragraph 4 of the Circular.)												
Total ...												

* Under this head should be entered only such canal revenue as is credited in the accounts as Public Works receipts, not as land-revenue. Water advantage rates and any similar items which are included in the land-revenue demand and are credited as land-revenue should be included in the total of land-revenue and be detailed in Statements Nos. 6 to 8.

STATEMENT No. 4.

Names of Districts.	Total Land-revenue Collections for ten Years only															Canal Revenue.*		
	For fiscal Year before last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.				For the first complete fiscal Year since last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.				For the latest fiscal Year.									
	Fiscal Year for which the Statistics are given.	Imperial.	Cesses.	Total.	Date from which revised Settlement or Assessment was introduced.	Complete Year next after such Date for which the total Collections of the Year's Demand only are here given.	Imperial.	Cesses.	Total.	Latest fiscal Year.	Imperial.	Cesses.	Total.	For fiscal Year before last Revision of Settlement or Ryotwar Assessments.	For the first complete Fiscal Year since last Revision of Settlement or Ryotwar Assessment.	For the latest fiscal Year.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.			Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(Districts should be entered in the order indicated in paragraph 4 of the Circular.)																
Total...																

* Under this head should be entered only such canal revenue as is credited in the accounts as Public Works receipts and as land-revenue. Water advantage rates and any similar items which are included in the land-revenue demand and are credited as land-revenue should be included in the total of land-revenue and be detailed in Statements Nos. 6 to 8.

STATEMENT No. 5.

Names of Districts.	Total Land-revenue Collections, including Arrears and Advance.									Canal Revenue Collections, &c.		
	For fiscal Year before last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.			For the first complete fiscal Year since last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.			For the latest fiscal Year.					
	Imperial.	Cesses.	Total.	Imperial.	Cesses.	Total.	Imperial.	Cesses.	Total.	For fiscal Year before last Revision of Settlement or Ryotwar Assessment.	For the first complete fiscal Year since last Revision of Settlement or Ryotwar Assessment.	For the latest fiscal Year.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(Districts should be entered in the order indicated in paragraph 4 of the Circular.)												
Total...												

STATEMENT No. 6.

DETAIL OF LAND-REVENUE DEMAND, INCLUDING ARREARS.

Names of Districts.	For fiscal Year before last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.					For the first complete fiscal Year since last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.					For the latest fiscal Year.				
	Imperial.					Imperial.					Imperial.				
		Miscellaneous.					Miscellaneous.					Miscellaneous.			
	Demand proper.	Water-rate.	Quit-rent on Inams.	Other Items.	Total.	Demand proper.	Water-rate.	Quit-rent on Inams.	Other Items.	Total.	Demand proper.	Water-rate.	Quit-rent on Inams.	Other Items.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(Districts should be entered in the order indicated in paragraph 4 of the Circular.)															
Total...															

STATEMENT No. 7.

DETAIL OF LAND-REVENUE COLLECTIONS FOR THE YEAR ONLY.

Names of Districts.	For fiscal Year before last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.					For the first complete fiscal Year since last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.					For the latest fiscal Year.				
	Imperial.					Imperial.					Imperial.				
		Miscellaneous.					Miscellaneous.					Miscellaneous.			
	Demand proper.	Water-rate.	Quit-rent on Inams.	Other Items.	Total.	Demand proper.	Water-rate.	Quit-rent on Inams.	Other Items.	Total.	Demand proper.	Water-rate.	Quit-rent on Inams.	Other Items.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(Districts should be entered in the order indicated in paragraph 4 of the Circular.)															
Total...															

STATEMENT No. 8.

DETAIL OF LAND-REVENUE COLLECTIONS, INCLUDING ARREARS AND ADVANCE.

Names of Districts.	For fiscal Year before last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.					For the first complete fiscal Year since last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.					For the latest fiscal Year.				
	Imperial.					Imperial.					Imperial.				
		Miscellaneous.					Miscellaneous.					Miscellaneous.			
	Demand proper.	Water-rate.	Quit-rent on Inams.	Other Items.	Total.	Demand proper.	Water-rate.	Quit-rent on Inams.	Other Items.	Total.	Demand proper.	Water-rate.	Quit-rent on Inams.	Other Items.	Total.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(Districts should be entered in the order indicated in paragraph 4 of the Circular.)															
Total ...															

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STATEMENT No. 9.

DETAIL OF DEMAND ON WASTE LAND FOR THE YEAR 1871.

Names of Districts.	For fiscal Year before last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.					For the first complete fiscal Year since last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.					For the latest fiscal Year.				
	Cesses.					Cesses.					Cesses.				
	Per-wares.	Acreage.	Village Service.	Others, viz., Road, School, District Dak, &c., &c.	Total.	Per-wares.	Acreage.	Village Service.	Others, viz., Road, School, District Dak, &c., &c.	Total.	Per-wares.	Acreage.	Village Service.	Others, viz., Road, School, District Dak, &c., &c.	Total.
1	3	3	3	3	3	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(Districts should be entered in the order indicated in paragraph 4 of the Circular.)															
Total ...															

The columns 3, 10, and 15 should be reserved for the cesses common to most provinces, such as road, school and district dak cesses, and the local rate for these objects and for sanitary improvements. In the North-Western Provinces and in British Burma the rural Police cess is consolidated with the other two cesses, and so it will be shown here; but in any other province a village cess to defray the rural Police cess should be shown in an extra column.

STATEMENT No. 13.

Details of Demand for Cesses, including Arrears.

Names of Districts.	For fiscal Year before last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.					For first complete fiscal Year since last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.					For the latest fiscal Year.				
	Cesses.					Cesses.					Cesses.				
	Pul-veras.	Acreage.	Village Services.	Others, viz., Road, School, District Dak, &c., &c.	Total.	Pul-veras.	Acreage.	Village Services.	Others, viz., Road, School, District, Dak, &c., &c.	Total.	Pul-veras.	Acreage.	Village Services.	Others, viz., Road, School, District, Dak, &c., &c.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	As.	As.	As.	As.	As.	As.	As.	As.	As.	As.	As.	As.	As.	As.	As.
(Districts should be entered in the order indicated in paragraph 4 of the Circular.															
Total ...															

The columns 5, 10, and 15 should be reserved for the cesses common to most provinces, such as road, school, and district dak cesses, and local rates for these objects and for sanitary improvements. In the North-Western Provinces and in Burma, Sovereign and rental fractional cesses consolidated with the assessed land-revenue, and so will be shown here; but in any other province a village chowkeydari or other Police cess, levied with the land-revenue, should be shown in an extra column.

STATEMENT No. 14.

Details of Canal Revenue Collections for the Year only.

Names of Districts.	For fiscal Year before last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.			For the first complete fiscal Year since last Revision of Settlement or (Ryotwar) Assessment.			For the latest fiscal Year.		
	Imperial.			Imperial.			Imperial.		
	Water-rate.	Other Receipts.	Total.	Water-rate.	Other Receipts.	Total.	Water-rate.	Other Receipts.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(Districts should be entered in the order indicated in paragraph 4 of the Circular.)									
Total ...									

In the North-Western Provinces and in the Punjab a water-rate, outside land-revenue demand, is obtained from land irrigated by canals. That receipt will be shown in column 2.

In the Punjab a water-advantage rate and in the Madras Presidency a water-rate are levied, within the land-revenue demand, from lands under canal or anicut irrigation. Those receipts will be shown in columns 3, 8, and 13 of Statements Nos. 6 to 8.

ORDER THEREON, 14th December 1876, No. 2,039.

COMMUNICATED to the Board of Revenue who will have the forms filled up, as far as possible, with such alterations as the circumstances of this Presidency would seem to require.

2. It is observed that the Government of India require a review in addition to the statistics for which forms are provided.

(True Extract.)

(Signed) D. F. CARMICHAEL,
Secretary to Government.

FORWARDED to Collectors of the districts noted in the margin where new settlements have been introduced partly or wholly, with a request that they will fill up the statements called for and forward the same to this office as early as practicable.

(1.) Godavery.
(2.) Kistna.
(3.) Nellore.
(4.) Salem.
(5.) Trichinopoly.
(6.) Kurnool.
(7.) Cuddapah.
(8.) Chinglepat.
(9.) Tinnevelly.
(10.) South Arcot.

2. From paragraph 5 of the Order of the Government of India it will be observed that where portions of a district have been settled in different years, the figures for the several portions should be given separately; where portions only of a district have been settled, the return should embrace only those portions.

3. Statements Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, and 10, are the details of Statement No. 1, and Statements Nos. 6, 7 and 8 of those of 3, 4 and 5. Care should be taken that the figures in the detailed statements correspond with those given in the main returns. Statement No. 11 is not applicable to this Presidency.

4. The Statements Nos. 1 to 10 should be separate for settlements introduced in, and prior to, 1861-62, (Fasli 1271), and those enforced afterwards.

5. The column "Demand proper" in Statements Nos. 7 and 8 should be subdivided into (i) Permanently settled and Shrotriem jodi, (ii) Ryotwar.

6. The statements should be prepared with reference to the villages which now make up the district, excluding the villages transferred from, and including those transferred to, the district, since the earliest year for which figures have to be given; any further variations caused by resumptions or alienations of lands being fully explained.

7. Besides the returns prescribed by the Government of India, the Collectors are also requested to submit statements showing :—

(1.) The cultivable area exclusive of Inams and Zemindaries.

(2.) The cultivated area, exclusive of Inams and Zemindaries, in each taluq brought under settlement in the years immediately before and after the settlement and in the latest fiscal year, say Fasli 1285; and also to furnish a report on the following points :—

(i.) What likelihood is there of an increase of land revenue at the next revision of settlement, the period of currency of the existing settlement being taken to be 30 years? Are there any special causes operating to increase or retard cultivation at present, or likely to operate hereafter, and what will be the effect of these causes on the revenue?

(ii.) What were the commutation prices adopted at the last settlement, and how have prices increased or decreased since?

(iii.) Is it likely that the prices which have obtained in recent years (putting aside famine years) will continue hereafter?

(iv.) How much of the increase of revenue, as apparent from the figures in the latest year, is due to the increase of rates of assessment, and how much to increased extent of cultivation?

(v.) Is the increase in the extent of cultivation due to moderate and equitable rates of assessment or to other causes, or to both? How much to each cause?

(vi.) Has survey and settlement brought to light any concealed cultivation, and to what extent?

8. Collectors may add any further remarks which they may consider necessary to show the present effect of the settlement and the future prospects of the revenue.

9. The Board also request the Director of Revenue Settlement to favor them with his remarks on the subject, especially with reference to paragraph 7 of the letter from the Government of India.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Secretary.

To the Collector of Godavery.
" " of Kistna.
" " of Nellore.
" " of Salem.
" " of Trichinopoly.
" " of Kurnool.
" " of Cuddapah.
" " of Chinglepot.
" " of Tinnevelly.
" " of South Arcot.
" Director of Revenue Settlement.

Copy to the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

Exd. W. H. French.

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Board of Revenue,
MADRAS.

PROCEEDINGS, 6TH MARCH 1877, No. 1,041.

Read the order of the 7th Inst.

Read a letter from

MARCH.
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Land Revenue—in Malras Presidency—Communicating to Collectors of certain Districts with instructions, letter from Government of India calling for returns as provided from Inspectors of Horses &c.—and requesting Director of Revenue Settlements to favor Board of Revenue with his remarks on subject

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