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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

22nd November 1878, No. 1,893.

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(Signed) A. O. HUME,
Secy. to the Govt. of India.

To the Secretary to the Government of Madras.

ENCLOSURE No. 1.

STATEMENT illustrative of the state of Tea Cultivation in British India during the Official Years 1875-76 and 1876-77.

Province.	District.	Number of Plantations.		Approximate Average Elevation.	Area in Acres.							
					Under Mature Plants.		Under Immature Plants.		Total Area under Tea.		Taken up for planting but not yet planted.	
		1875-76.	1876-77.		1875-76.	1876-77.	1875-76.	1876-77.	1875-76.	1876-77.	1875-76.	1876-77.
1	2	3		4	5		6		7		8	
				FEET.	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.	ACRES.
Assam†	Cachar	162	162		24,662	28,837			24,662	28,837	117,207	121,074
	Sylhet	11	25		2,267	5,621			2,267	5,621	4,669	21,533
	Goalpara	7	8		79	112			79	112	75	1,035
	Kamrup	63	72		4,099	5,978	Included with mature plants.		4,099	5,978	13,717	15,040
	Darrang	95	95		9,615	10,935			9,615	10,935	41,078	40,191
	Nowgong	49	51		5,929	6,598			5,929	6,598	11,869	14,568
	Sibsagar	151	172		27,433	28,690			27,433	28,690	92,159	85,448
	Lakimpur	109	112		12,788	16,036			12,788	16,036	80,341	75,467
	Khasi and Jaintia Hills	3	5		435	804			435	804	278	453
	Total	640	702	—	87,307	102,711	—	—	87,307	102,711	361,393	372,849
Bengal	Darjeeling‡	121	132	300 to 6,500	14,954	15,395	7,208	9,533	22,162	25,028	79,113	81,609
	Julpigoree	3	13	500 to 600	..	23	288	795	288	818	1,453	3,395
	Dacca	6	6	13 to 21	29	29	3	2	32	31	..	..
	Mymensing	2	2	1 to 4	54	53	..	..	54	53	..	..
	Chittagong §	19	20	40 to 500	936	826	436	1,072	1,635	1,898	24,724	13,497
	Noakholly	1	1	40 to 50	15	15	1	1	16	16	..	8
	Chittagong Hill Tracts	4	1	30 to 200	439	220	613	230	1,052	450	..	2,106
	Hazareebagh	3	3	2,177	647	668	72	50	719	718	..	..
	Lohardugga	11	21	*	240	320	130	910	420	1,230	1,[illegible]	2,276
	Total	170	199	—	17,314	17,849	9,064	12,393	26,378	30,242	106,813	102,891
North-Western Provinces.	Kumaun ‖	13	12	2,000 to 6,400	1,456	1,457	755	765	2,211	2,222	1,699	1,689
	Garhwal ‖	1	4	6,000	13	13	..	..	13	13	..	..
	Dehra Dun	13	16	1,849 to 2,500	1,687	1,874	452	600	2,139	2,474	1,949	1,780
	Total	27	39	1,849 to 6,400	3,156	3,344	1,207	1,365	4,363	4,709	3,648	3,469
Punjab	Simla	1	1	*	120	120	..	..	120	120	..	..
	Kangra	850	910	3,969	2,579	2,789	1,547	1,822	4,126	4,611	1,291	1,773
	Total	851	911	—	2,699	2,909	1,547	1,822	4,246	4,731	1,291	1,773
Madras	Nilgiris	38	44	3,500 to 8,000	1,514	1,514	878	1,628	2,392	3,142	641	2,341
British Burmah	Akyab	1	1	60	120	120	30	30	150	150	100	100
	Total British India	1,727	1,896	—	—	—	—	—	124,836	145,585	473,891	483,813

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Province.	District.	Approximate yield in lbs.						Average yield in lbs. per acre of mature plants.		Cost of Cultivation per acre.		Cost of Manufacture per lb.	
		Black.		Green.		Total.							
		1875-76.	1876-77.	1875-76.	1876-77.	1875-76.	1876-77.	1875-76.	1876-77.	1875-76.	1876-77.	1875-76.	1876-77.
		9		10		11		12		13		14	
		LBS.	LBS.	LBS.	LBS.	LBS.	LBS.	LBS.	LBS.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Assam†	Cachar					7,233,213	7,191,309	295	249				
	Sylhet					173,026	673,466	76	120				
	Goalpara					8,247	7,204	799	64				
	Kamrup					544,699	634,675	205	221				
	Darrang	*	*	*	*	2,246,344	2,890,854	358	412	*	*	*	*
	Nowgong					386,094	1,105,517	142	168				
	Sibsagar					6,428,831	7,226,663	234	251				
	Lakimpur					2,497,130	3,736,083	193	199				
	Khasi and Jaintia Hills					12,306	87,328	23	203				
	Total ..	—	—	—	—	20,028,890	23,493,099	229	228	..	..	..	..
Bengal	Darjeeling‡	4,610,758	4,181,622	..	..	4,610,758	4,181,622	269	218				
	Julpigoree	5,600	29,520	..	..	5,600	29,520	..	240				
	Dacca	4,660	3,722	..	..	4,660	3,722	161	128				
	Mymensingh	5,371	5,517	..	..	5,371	3,517	100	66				
	Chittagong§	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
	Noakholly	320	520	40	80	360	600	20	40				
	Chittagong Hill Tracts	160,760	46,571	..	..	160,760	46,571	366	211				
	Hazareebagh	93,054	47,717	1,783	..	94,837	47,717	144	71				
	Lohardugga	58,880	67,610	..	..	58,880	67,610	245	230				
	Total ..	4,939,403	4,380,799	1,823	80	4,941,226	4,380,879	285	245	..	..	..	..
North-Western Provinces.	Kumaun‖	94,551	64,104	183,871	196,956	278,422	261,060	183	169	60 12 10	62 10 1	0 5 3	0 5 8
	Garhwal‖	4,648	4,891	..	..	4,648	4,891	357	376	56 12 0	66 0 0	0 1 9	0 2 4
	Dehra Dun	202,112	358,812	146,000	74,400	348,112	433,212	194	217	78 13 4	60 3 2	0 3 8	0 3 6
	Total ..	301,311	427,807	329,871	271,356	631,182	699,163	245	251	66 7 4	62 15 1	0 3 7	0 3 10
Punjab	Simla	*	*	*	*	8,170	7,484	68	62	*	*	..	*
	Kangra	550,429	585,213	121,350	137,875	671,779	723,088	200	200	60 0 0	60 0 0	0 6 0	0 6 0
	Total ..	—	—	—	—	679,949	730,572	252	251	..	—	—	—
Madras	Nilgiris	220,070	233,769	..	2,000	220,070	235,769	145	156	*	*	*	*
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