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No. 2,286.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE, dated 15th August 1878.

Read the following letter from W. WILSON, Esq., Acting Director of Revenue Settlement, on Special Duty, Irrigation Accounts, to C. A. GALTON, Esq., Acting Secretary to the Board of Revenue, dated Madras, 3rd August 1878, No. 8:—

I HAVE the honor, with reference to the papers noted in the margin, to submit a return showing the area and revenue of the Kistna Delta for five years (Fasli 1260—1264) prior to the construction of the anicut, and the revenue on the same area for the latest available fasli, 1286.

Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 25th February 1878, No. 511.
Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Miscellaneous No. 2,600, dated 14th March 1878.

2. The information is defective. Accounts for five villages only of the Bander Taluk could be found for Fasli 1260; for five villages in the same taluk no accounts at all are forthcoming for any year prior to the construction of the anicut.

In eight villages of the Gudivada Taluk accounts for some only of the five years prior to the anicut are available.

The accounts of Gudivada and Bander Taluks are defective in the matter of quit-rent on Inams prior to the anicut; many of the accounts were lost in the cyclone of 1864.

3. The peishcush on Minor Zemindaris, the whole of which are comprised in the delta, is included in the returns, but in the case of the large Zemindaris of Nuzvid, Vallore, and Devarakota, portions only of which are included in the delta, only the water-rate collected since the construction of the anicut is entered; it is quite impossible to say what proportion of the peishcush falls on those villages.

4. In the case of Swarna, which till 1283 was an isolated village of the Venkatagiri Zemindari, the rent actually paid by the village to the Zemindar is entered in the returns prior to the anicut.

Ex[illegible] No. 1.

STATEMENT showing the Area and Revenue of the Kistna Delta for five [illegible] same[illegible] before the commencement of the Kistna Anicut Works and the Revenue on the [illegible] Fasli 1286.

Taluks.	BEFORE THE COM[illegible]ENT OF ANICUT WORKS.										AFTER THE CONSTRUCTION OF ANICUT WORKS.	
	1260.		1261.		[illegible]2.		1263.		1264.		1286. (Latest available fasli).	
	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.	Extent.	Assessment.
	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.	ACRES.	RS.
1. Repalli	186,140	2,62,849	178,249	2,74,131	173,0[illegible]	2,69,679	170,376	2,54,691	172,448	2,47,751	309,542	6,28,143
2. Bapatla	68,080	1,16,571	69,753	1,26,141	68,8[illegible]	1,25,775	69,658	1,38,791	72,878	1,39,082	126,162	2,57,735
3 Guntur	4,920	7,438	4,864	7,113	4,6[illegible]	6,449	4,757	6,503	4,972	6,806	9,404	14,514
4. Bezwada	21,564	15,431	21,564	18,133	21,5[illegible]	18,421	21,767	17,270	21,746	18,113	24,243	51,179
5. Bander	25,238	7,681	38,549	35,257	37,4[illegible]	39,200	47,937	33,367	44,674	39,387	90,781	80,279
6. Gudivada	98,783	1,21,474	104,586	1,31,437	111,0[illegible]	1,33,032	113,371	1,32,452	95,739	1,22,182	145,492	3,79,694
7. Nuzvid	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	137,975	31,096
8. Ellore (portion) ...	9,791	31,455	12,052	35,829	13,6[illegible]	36,724	13,503	28,328	12,618	33,153	26,129	62,093
Total ...	414,516	5,62,899	429,617	6,28,041	430,3[illegible]	6,29,280	4,41,369	6,01,402	425,075	6,06,474	868,728	15,04,733

MADRAS,
3rd August 1878.

(Signed) W. WILSON,
Ag. Director of Revenue Settlement,
on Special Duty, Irrigation Accounts.

SUBMITTED to Government with reference to Official Memorandum from the Secretary in the Revenue Department, dated 20th February 1878, No. 47.

2. The Board presume that this statement is no longer required as statements showing the revenue due to the Kistna anicut for a series of years have been forwarded to Government since the receipt of the Official Memorandum under reply.

(True Copies and Extract.)

Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
Copy to the Director of Revenue Settlement.
" Collector of the Kistna District.

Exd. W. J. Lewis.

REVENUE (FAMINE) DEPARTMENT.

No. 3870

From Board of Rev

Dated 15 August 1878

FOR ORDERS.

Revenue Department
No. 3810.

1878.

Board of Revenue,

MADRAS.

To

THE SECRETARY TO GOVT.,
REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Dated August 15th.

Rec'd August 23rd.

Read.

PROCEEDINGS, 15TH AUGUST 1878, No. 2,286.

AUGUST.

No. 2,286.

Area and Revenue of the Kistna Delta for five years prior to the construction of the Anicut — and the revenue on the same area for Fasli 1286.—Submitting to Government letter from Director of Revenue Settlement, on special duty, Irrigation Accounts, forwarding a return showing the —.

To the communication sent them the Board replied as to the Forlaney in February last but the information afforded was held to be insufficient.

* Official memo: of 26 Feb/78 No 47

G.O. 21 March/78 No 435

The paper now submitted contains the figures for Kistna - this confessedly imperfect but shews with as much accuracy as is possible the area & Revenue of the Delta for 5 years prior to the construction of the anicuts and for the latest available Fasli 1286 / 1876-77:

The average cultivated area during the 5 years in question (1260 / 1850-57 — 1264 / 1854-55) was Acres 428,178 assessed at Rs 6,05,620.

In 1286 the area was 868,728 acres producing a revenue of Rs 15,04,733 — or more than double in each case.

FOR ORDERS.

The figures in the Wilson's elaborate report on Kistna (Bd Pro 8 May 1878 No 1229) cannot be exactly compared with those as the totals differ but be there observed that in 1285/1875-76 the total additional revenue due to irrigation was £ 7,90,156 (vide statement in Para 7 of the Bd Pro) while the area under irrigation was acres 2,64,256.

The area irrigated in 1265/1855-56 was acres 18,966 and so the total area cultivated in 1264/1854-55 is shown to have been acres 425,075 more than 400,000 acres must have been dry.

The area irrigated in 1285/1875-76 exceeded the irrigated area of 1265/1855-56 by acres 245,290 and the total area cultivated in 1286/1876-77 exceeded the total average area of 5 years before the cut + the irrigated area of 1285/1875-76 (as above given) by acres 195,260 which may therefore be taken

× 264,256
⁂ 18,966
⊙ 245,290
□ 428,178
673,468
868,728
195,260

as representing the additional area brought under dry cultivation since the Anicuts were started -

May this paper be recorded or should it lie over till the [illegible] very statement is received?

Yours

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