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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 27th April 1858.

No. 51. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 20th March 1858, No. 997.

Read again Report from the Collector of Bellary, dated 1st October 1857.

In Cons. 1st March 1858.

(Here enter No. 117.)

1. With reference to the above Jummabundy Report for Fusly 1266, A. D. 1856-57, the Board proceed to offer some remarks, which are not of a nature to find their way into the "General Report" about to be submitted to Government, or at all events may be made at too late a date to be of any use to the Collector. It is the intention of the Board therefore on this and future occasions, to notice separately such portions of the Jummabundy Reports as those above adverted to.

2. In para. 3 of the present Report, the number of Ayen Villages is entered as 2689, and of these 2646 are stated to be Ryotwary; but on referring to the Quinquennial Return No. 15 column 5, it appears that 164 *Shrotriem* Villages are included. These should have been entered in column 11 of the Quinquennial Return.

3. With reference to para 4 the Board will be glad to have the fresh account of Sources of Irrigation. They observe that there is a considerable difference (as shewn in the margin, between the returns for Fusly 1265 and 1266.) Some explanation of the increase of Private works of irrigation, will be necessary, and why 16 Dusbundums are given up. It is also observed that the Collector notes the number of new Wells, the lands irrigated by which are held at 'Dry' rates, at 651; whilst in comparing the Accounts of Fusly 1265 and 1267 the whole increase in the number of Wells is only 357.

Fusly.	*Circar.*	*Private.*	*Dusbur-dum.*	*Total.*
1265	15650	4218	326	20194
1266	15650	4615	310	20575

1265	16935	
1266	17292	
	357.	

4. With reference to para. 5, the Abstract in the margin shews a decrease in the Population of 4 Talooks (comparing Fusly 1260 with 1265) as per Statement 17, and some explanation is necessary especially as these talooks have not the character of being unhealthy or indigent.

	F. 1260.	*F.* 1265.	*Decr. per cent.*
Bellary,.....	109472	98804	10
Gooty,.....	81719	72999	9
Anuntapoor,.....	70377	60858	13
Darmaverum,.....	89204	77529	13

5. With reference to para 6 it seems of little use to distinguish between the No. of cultivating Ryots, and the No. of Ayen Puttahs if the numbers are always supposed to be equal. There are 86,813 Ryots, and 86,813 Ayen Puttahs. Considering the great proportion that the cultivating population are known to bear to the whole population, such a statement would be apt to mislead, and if the No. of persons engaged in agriculture (Ryots in fact) are not known, it would be better simply to enter the number of Ayen and of Goonchee Puttahs.

6. If as the Collector supposes in para 7, the increase in the number of petty holdings is owing to persons coming forward, in consequence of the new Rules ignoring the system of obliging Ryots to hold a certain quantity of land, he should state what number of new Puttahs have been taken up by persons who held no Puttah before, as compared with the number of 'mamool' Puttahdars.

7. In the Abstract appended to para 8 of the Collector's Report, the total number of Tanks is stated to be 1,103, whilst in para 4 it is 1267; so that there is a considerable discrepancy.

8. In the Statement subjoined to para 10, the "Merchant's prices" of grain for 3 Fuslies are given. Comparing these (as in the Margin) with the average "Bazar prices" shewn in the monthly Price Lists, there seems but little difference between the two. It is yet very uncertain as to what is meant by "Merchant prices;" whether it is what the Merchants give the Ryots, or the wholesale prices at which grain is sold (to any one) in the Market, when above one Pooty is bought at once. The Board doubt very much if purchases are actually made by Native Merchants in Bellary by the *Madras* Garce, and the price per Kandy or Pooty should also be stated.

2d Sort Paddy.			*Cholum.*	
Fuslies.	*Merch.*	*Bazar.*	*Merch.*	*Bazar.*
1264	109	110	156	163
1265	112	108	154	158
1266	88	95	113	116

9. In speaking of the new Rules as to the Dittum, Mr. Pelly (para. 11) states that in the present year a very small quantity of land was thrown up and he says he reported last year that *two* thirds of the land which had been relinquished was taken up. But referring to para. 12 of last year's Report, it is found that *one* third of the land at first relinquished, was taken up, i. e. 14½ lacs out of 45½ lacs of acres.

10. The Collector states that the Ryots have taken up 3,07,072 acres of fresh land of which 2,92,133 acres is "Dry" land with an assessment of 2,33,520; but he adds that 90,000, Rs. of this is paid by lands taken on Kayem Cowle, or rather as shown in Enclosure No. 1 of Cowle Statement No. 6, the extent given on Kayem Cowle was 36,261 acres on an assessment of 87,328 Rupees. It appears moreover from para 16 of the Collector's Report that this Kayem Cowle land is chiefly in the Goolliem Talook. Before granting such an extent of land on Kayem Cowle, it would have been right to have informed the Board, who would now wish to know if the land is in addition to what the Ryots occupied before, or if they have given up old land to take the Cowle. In para. 11 of his report, it is made out that the land newly taken up has been 3 lacs of acres, as compared with the preceding Fusly, but there is an error here, for the comparison has been made between the *cultivation* of Fusly 1265, and the *Caboolati* of 1266. On referring to paras 12 and 14 of the report for Fusly 1265 the Board perceive that the Caboolati extent for that year was acres 16,80,823, and the extent of the *actual cultivation* 15,44,802 acres. Now it is shewn by para 13 of the present Report, that the actual cultivation in Fusly 1266 was 17,73,930 acres, which with the Caboolati waste of 77,944 acres, amounts to 18,51,874 acres for the Caboolati extent of Fusly 1266; comparing this with the *correct* Caboolati extent of Fusly 1265 (16,80,823 acres,) the excess in the lands taken up in Fusly 1266 is only 1,71,051 acres, and the increase in land actually cultivated 2,29,132 acres.

The orders of Govt. as to the reductions in this talook. E. M. C. 2d in Cons. 4th June 1857, No. 531, R. D. are not alluded to by Mr. Pelly.

Fusly.	*Caboolati.*	*Cultivated.*
1265	1680823	1544802
1266	1851874	1773930
Difference.....	1,71,051	2,29,132

11. With reference to the allusion made in para 12, to the Reddies not being allowed the privilege conceded to the other Ryots, of being excused teerwa on land left waste*, it appears that some remission *has* been granted to them "in the usual manner," though the data are not stated. The Board would draw Mr. Pelly's attention to their Proceedings of 28th January 1856, wherein were given their reasons for delaying the concession asked for till more information was supplied. This information was again asked for in their Proceedings of 12th August 1856, and on the 31st March 1857, but no reply has yet been received.

* *From para. 14 it appears that the charge on Reddies waste Appanum was 9,941 Rs.*

12. The Board approve of the arrangements made by the Collector, as stated in para. 17, for remitting the Fussul-Jastee for the Sugarcane cultivation of the Vysak Season.

Progressive Cowle	7,860	1	0
Kayem do.	1,09,246	12	0
Payamaly do.	1,038	12	0
Total.	1,18,145	9	0

13. In Statement No. 4 the amount of Cowle remissions is given at Rupees 1,18,155-8. Referring to Cowle Statement No. 6 and its enclosures, it is seen that these remissions as particularized in the margin, amount to Rupees 1,18,145-9-0 shewing a difference of Rs. 9-15-0.

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14. In col. 11 of Statement No. 10 of Fusly 1265, the demand on account of Stamp Revenue is given at Rupees 26,185-12-0, which differs from that shewn in the Demand Collection and Balance Statement ending 30th June 1856, by Rupees 811, which requires explanation.

26,997 *Rupees.*

* 402	14	6	*Col.*	3
† 83	14	8	*Col.*	8
486	13	2		

15. In statement No. 11 the amount of Interest collected both on Current* and Arrears,† is given at Rupees 486-13-2. But in enclosure A on the back of it, col. 8 headed "Interest Account" is left blank. The Collector should state why it was not filled up.

16. The charges on account of Government Plantations in Fusly 1265, is given at Rupees 833, in statement No. 14 of that year; while in the same return of Fusly 1266, they amount to Rupees 3,951. The difference of Rupees 3,118 ought to have been duly noticed.

‡ 618908.
§ 637421.
18513.

17. The amount of permanent remissions shown in col. 5‡ of Statement No. 21, differs from that exhibited in col. 3§ of Statement No. 4, by Rs. 18,513, which requires explanation.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, *Secretary.*

No. 52. ORDER THEREON, No. 535; dated 27th April 1858.

Ordered that the foregoing Extract be recorded.

(Signed) H. FORBES,
Acting Secretary to Government.

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