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INTO

FIFTY-THREE VILLAGES

OF THE

KUKKUR TALOOKA

OF THE

SHIKARPOOR COLLECTORATE,

IN THE

PROVINCE OF SIND.



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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

From the Acting Settlement Officer,

Right Bank Districts,

To the Collector of Shikarpoor.

Settlement Office, Kotree, 11th October 1867.

Sir,—I have the honour herewith to forward a statement of the results of the Settlement rates introduced into 53 villages of the Kukkur Talooka.

- 2. I anticipated considerable difficulty in effecting a satisfactory settlement of these villages, owing to their having been visited by frequent floods, from breaches in the Narra and from the river, during the past ten years.
- 3. As will be seen from the results in the accompanying statement (A), the people of 46 villages took up their land with great readiness; 7 villages, lying on the western bank of the Narra, entered into a combination to refuse the Settlement rates, hoping thereby to force Government to permit a continuance of the former system, namely, yearly measurements, by which the cultivator paid only for such an area as he brought under the plough.
- 4. The cultivators in these seven villages refused to take up a single acre of their land, and up to the date on which, having completed the Jummabundy of the other villages, I left Kukkur, they persevered in their refusal.
- 5. Hearing indirectly that they were feeling uneasy lest their obstinacy should produce results very contrary to their expectations, I left the papers necessary to carry out the Jummabundy of these

seven villages with Mr. H. G. Watson, Deputy Collector of Meliur, who had assisted me greatly in the Jummabundy of the other villages, and who was well acquainted with the system to be introduced.

- 6. After the lapse of some time the zemindars came forward and took up a portion of their land, details of which will be shown separately.
- 7. At the time of Jummabundy the cultivators complained of the loss they would sustain were they compelled to take up the numbers which were then lying under water, having been flooded from the breaches made in the Narra during the preceding inundation season; they also represented that if they refused to take these numbers they would, by the terms of the proclamation issued last February, lose all right and title to them.
- 8. The case appearing to me to be one worthy of consideration, I made it known that, subject to the confirmation of the Commissioner in Sind, all numbers submerged at the time of Jummabundy need not be taken up by the owners until they were free from water and in a culturable state; and consequently I have had a separate column in the statement accompanying this Report for numbers of this description. I trust that the Commissioner will sanction the measures taken by me, as the cultivators have suffered very greatly from the effects of these floods for many years past, and appear to me to have a claim on the indulgence of Government in this matter.
- 9. Some of the numbers thus submerged have been taken up by the owners, in the hope of making a profit from the fish and lotus roots which are to be found in them. No opposition was made to their so doing, as the numbers being assessed under the Settlement, and the presence of the water in such quantity being an accident not likely to happen again, I considered that the owners were entitled to the benefit, if there were any.
- 10. The Jummabundy of 46 villages out of 53 were completed by me, the results of which are subjoined:—

Area brought under Settlement, not including waste.	Jumma fixed by	Settlement.
Λcres G.		Rs. a. թ.
25,183 20	+ + (39,835 3 0
From this the following items must be o	leducted :—	
	Acres G.	Rs. a. p.
Owners absent at the time of Jummabundy	745 25	1,195 2 0
Submerged at time of Jumma-	729 10	1,236 8 0
	1,474 35	2,432 4 0
45	Acres G.	Rs. a. p.
Leaving a balance of	23,708 25	*37,402 15 0
Of which were thrown up	1,314 5	1,598 4 0
Amount taken up	22,394 20	35,804 11 0

- 11. In addition to the above area, which is land cultivated within the last five years, there are 1,780 acres 35 goontas of land which had formerly been cultivated, but not within the last five years. This area was assessed at Rs. 1,451-15-0, and 1,309 acres 10 goontas, assessed at Rs. 969-13-0, were taken up, thus making a total area of 23,633 acres 10 goontas and an assessment of Rs. 36,629-13-0.
- 12 These results were beyond my expectations, as I was well aware of the state of the district, and I had been informed that the people felt averse to any change from the old system, which, as it rendered them liable to assessment only on the actual area brought under cultivation, relieved them from the responsibility of their entire holdings.
- 13. The Jummabundy of the seven villages on the western bank of the Narra was not so satisfactory. The large area of their

^{*} Being 95:7 per cent, of the whole,

land under water, 2,027 acres 5 goontas out of 7,422 acres, very probably discouraged them, but when they had made up their minds to follow the example of their neighbours it is strange that they should have left so much land to its fate.

- 14. The area of these villages brought under the Settlement is 7,422 acres, the assessment on which is Rs. 11,381-8-0. After deducting 2,442 acres 15 goontas and Rs. 4,734-12-0 on account of land which was submerged and of which the owners were absent at the time of Jummabundy, we find that the area taken up by the cultivators is only 2,163 acres 8 goontas and Rs. 2,084-12-0, or only 61.5 per cent.
- 15. The cultivators of Bhungur, Guchul, and Wah Sobdar have thrown up nearly the whole of their land, and I attribute this course on their part to the influence of Mahomed Khan Bhooira, the zemindar of Deh Bhungur, who took a prominent part in the combination at the Jummabundy I carried out before leaving the districts.
- 16. As stated in paragraph 13, it is difficult to assign a reason for such conduct on their part. It certainly is not from the fact that they were over-assessed, as a glance at the area under cultivation in past years and that assessed by the Settlement shows a considerable increase in the latter, so as to bring the rate per acre much lower than that they usually paid; any uncertainty in their water supply was thereby fully compensated.
- 17. The villages of Pejaho, Bahadurpoor, Chowbar, and Bego Dero have, on the other hand, taken up every acre which was not under water or of which the owners were not absent, thus rendering the conduct of the other villages still more remarkable, as the risks attendant on cultivation in the latter are not so great as those in the former.
- 18. The total area taken up in the 53 villages which were brought under the Settlement is 25,743 acres 38 goontas and Rs. 40,720-9-0, and that thrown up is 4,125 acres 15 goontas and Rs. 4,153-13-0.

- 19. A statement, marked A, is appended to this Report, showing in detail those numbers which have hitherto been held under lease, and which are assessed by the Settlement at a higher rate than that which they are obliged to pay according to the terms of the lease. The difference is Rs. 24-5-6 on seven numbers. Until the expiry of the lease the holders will continue to pay at the lower rates.
- 20. The names of zemindars holding grants of "Scree," with the extent of their grants, and the Survey numbers in which they are situated, are given in Statement B: as none of the Scree grants correspond exactly in area with any Survey number held by the grantees, the assessment of the number from which they wish the Scree to be deducted will be diminished by that amount so long as that number is held by the said grantee.
- 21. In the villages of Guchul and Chowbar the zemindars to whom the Seree was granted have not taken up any of their land. In the case of Guchul I would recommend that the Seree be resumed by Government, as this zemindar is one of those who have combined together to throw up their land in toto; but the land of the Chowbar zemindar is under water, and I think it only fair that if he takes up his land during the ensuing cold weather he should be allowed his Seree.
- 22. There are only $80\frac{3}{4}$ acres of Seree grants in these 53 villages.
- 23. I wish to point out the services rendered by the zemindars of the three villages mentioned below, in persuading the rest, when they were in a state of indecision to take up their land; had they not, both by example and precept, induced confidence in Govérnment, I feel certain that the intrigues set on foot by the zemindars of Bhungur, Bahadurpoor, and the other villages before alluded to by me, would have gone far to defeat the successful introduction of the Settlement. I therefore beg to recommend that the good conduct of these zemindars may be rewarded by a grant of Seree, as specified opposite their names:—

Name of Village.	Name of Zemindar.	Amount of Serec already granted.	Amount now proposed.
Ludda Gadai	Wudhia, son of Soh- dar Gadhace.	None.	5 aeres.
Kheenro	Allahdad, son of Hy- atkhan Purrio.	l acre 20 goontas.	5 acres.
Khat Kolachee	Mahomed Alli, son of Mirza Kolachee.	None.	5 acres.

- 24. By this recognition of their services in forwarding the introduction of the Settlement an excellent effect will be produced, and the feeling of distrust and dislike which I have found to exist very generally against this department will disappear, when it is found that Government is disposed to reward those who assist it.
- 25. In the village of Kukkur a Survey number (127) of I acre 15 goontas is held by a fakeer named Nango Shah, son of Beero Shah, who has planted a few trees, some for shade and others for their fruit, and which he irrigates by means of water drawn from the Narra with earthen pots—He has put up a rough shed, under the shade of a large peepul tree, which is kept swept and sprinkled, so as to form a cool shelter for passengers who cross at the ferry close to this number. The fruit, I learn from the Mooktyarkar of Kukkur, is free to any one who chooses to pluck it.
- 26. In a climate like Sind it is very desirable that every encouragement be given to men who are willing to spend their time in pursuits which are so beneficial to the public, and are also harmless in themselves.
- 27. As, therefore, this fakeer has a good character, I would recommend that the assessment on this number, amounting to Rs. 2-8-0, be remitted during the life of the present owner, on condition of his continuing to maintain the garden for the use of the public, and that he does not allow it to become a refuge for the idle and dissolute.

- 28. The village maps and registers of these 53 villages, three copies of each, have been made over to your department.
- 29. In each register is included a statement of all numbers on which Government water rate is to be levied. The column for the entry of the amount is left blank, but when you determine the rate at which water rate is to be levied it will be easy to fill it in.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

R. R. WALLACE, Major,

Acting Settlement Officer, Right Bank Districts.



STATEMENT
STATEMENT showing the result of the Settlement Rates when introduced

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		Village.		year's ction.		l Assess- ight under lement.	THREE	up at ibundy.		n up at bundy.
No.	Tuppa.		Acres.	Rs.	A. G.	Rs. a.	A. G.	Rs. a.	A. G.	Rs. a.
10 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	Khanpoor.	Kukkur Kubber Nangur Khanpoor Khatnee Khurriro Kunoro Lohree. Cholaree Chubree Meva Gaha Chubree Katia Door Mahomed Loolja Khat Lushker Khan Kheenro Chubree Meerkhan Naick Jugshee Kullo Drib Talan Jukhro Guddeyr	384 882 242 580 225 71 206 284 192 106 467 185 58 197 286 531	1,090 1,870 572 1,400 601 16: 449 652 540 350 245 1,160 551 156 698 1,159	891 35 570 15 1,181 85 746 10 193 15 473 30 392 15 445 15 273 20 767 20 507 35 385 25 186 0 333 15 419 0	1,144 0 1,749 10 876 8 1,738 0 577 14 259 5 640 0 530 8 615 12 471 0 422 4 1,138 15 833 12 544 4 200 7 493 0 660 2 1,318 12		1,051 11 1,720 10 813 8 1,613 5 545 1 247 6 640 0 521 4 425 12 428 6 366 4 1,015 6 833 12 516 10 165 9 398 8 620 6 1,067 14	61 15 13 15 11 25 4 15 127 35 11 10 35 5 101 20 30 35 43 10 48 20 41 15	64 12 59 12 76 0 5 10 12 0 9 4 184 12 9 12 37 0 114 3 25 8 34 5 61 8 36 8 59 8
		Total	5,364	13,210	9,8 35 3 0	14,214	8,808.35	12,991 3	679 10	790 6
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		Total	2,29 9	6,016	3,359 5	5,776 1 0	3,319 25	5,737 10	29 5	3 14

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into the 46 Villages of the Kukkur Talooka mentioned below.

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		Total	4,221	8,977	6,839	30	10,748	14	5366	10	8,518	0	5 3 9 0	691 2
36 37 38 39 40 41	Bahadurpoor.	Chupper Khan Gadahee Futteh Khan Gadahee Doobee Shadee Shikaree Ludho Gadahee Cheejapoor Bowan	181 491	1,341 599 1,643 1,837 2,936 465	184 325 800 1,260	0 30 0 5	2,462	4 14 12 2 2	167 588 800 1,083	35 5 0	559 1,363 1,617 2,036	7 0	16 å	31 0
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		Total	1,137	2,89	1,506	20	1,48	1 (1,495	20	1,46	8 3		••••
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R. R. WALLACE, Major, Acting Settlement Officer, Right Bank Districts.

STATEMENT STATEMENT showing the result of the Settlement Rates when introduced

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3	Bbu	Gutchel	142	475	1,012 10	795 (23 1	33 0	961 30	744 8
4		Wah Sobdar	32 0	958	1,416 2	1,579 10	229 2	37 3 8	9 51 5	761 10
		Total	1,878	5,845	4,821 (6,237	1,131	2,100 12	2,630 20	2,326 2
5	,000°.	Bahadurpoor	1,381	4,122	1,580 20	2,948 13	493 1	889 5	18 0 3 0	229 7
6	Bahadurpoor.	Chowbar	196	569	213 1	319 1	119 3	190 11		
7	# (Bego Dero	663	1,974	807 1	1,875	419	904 0		
		Total	2,240	6,665	2,601	5,144	1,032	1,984 0	180 30	229 7
		Grand Total	4,118	12,510	7,422	11,381	2,163	4,084 12	2,811 10	2,555 9

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into the 7 Villages of the Kukhur Talooka mentioned below.

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STATEMENT A.—continued.

STATEMENT showing the difference between the assessment of land held on lease, and that fixed by the Settlement, in 53 villages of the Kuhkur Talooka.

Name of Village.		Settle Jum		Port Numb	ion of Su er held in	rvcy Lease.	Portio Surve in exc Lea	y No. ess of	Total of Columns 6 and 9 being Assessment now to be levied on Survey Number.	tween ment vey N by Set and th fied b	Assess- of Sur- of, fixed thement at modi- y terms
	Survey No.	Acres,	Amount.	Acres.	Assessment according to Lease.	Assessment according to present Settlement.	Acres.	Amount.	Total of Columns ment now to be lo	Increase.	Decrease.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Ð	10	11	12
Kukkur	126	A, G. 2 30	Rs. a.	- 49	Rs. a. p	Rs. a.	A. G.		Rs. a. p. 3 11 0	Rs.	Rs. 2. p.
Drabec Sudhan	ļ	2 15		8	HING.	3 1		1 13	4 13 0		0 3 0
Sheen Viro	1	3 15	6 (3 5	1 8	5 6	0 10	0 8	2 00		4 0 0
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Ditto	71	6 5	13 8	5 30	3 0	0 12 9	0 15	0 13	3 13 0		9 11 0
Ditto	88	0 30	1 14	0 8	0 2	0 5	0 25	1 8	1 10 0		0 4 0
Total	27	21 25	46	19 (14 6	6 38 5	3 20	7 10	22 06		24 5 6

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STATEMENT B.

STATEMENT showing the Area held in " Seree," with the Names of Grantees, in 53 Villages of the Kuhhur Talooka.

Bemarks.		This Zemindar took up none of his land; his "Serec" is not appor-							This Zemindar took up none of his land, as it was submerced: his	"Seree," therefore was not ap-	
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Name of Deh.		Guchul	Door Mahomed Kuskur Klucenro	Lugshee Khatree Kudhur Loolja	Vee	Kundeechokee Moha Sheen Vero Drabee Ludhan Reloshad	Futtehpoor	Do. do. Chuper Khan Bahsdurpoor	Bowsur Chowbar	Seeta	
Name of Tuppa.		Bhungur		Kukkur	Patr	Kundeechokee	(Bahadurpoor <		Seeta	

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No. 2761 of 1867.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

From the Acting Collector of Shikarpoor,

To the Commissioner in Sind.

Collector's Office, Shikarpoor, 4th November 1867.

Sir,—I have the honour to forward herewith in original Major Wallace's Report, regarding the introduction of the Settlement rates into 53 villages of the Kukkur Talooka.

- 2. On the whole the results of the Settlement are satisfactory, which I attribute to the great pains and care taken by Major Wallacc, whose knowledge of the people, and judicious mode of treatment in all real cases of grievance brought to his notice, is remarkable.
- 3. I am glad to state that the present year's inundation has been favourable; the Narra has been kept within bounds; and the greater part, if not the whole, of the flooded land mentioned in the Settlement Officer's Report is free of water or will be so shortly.
- 4. As this year the banks of the Narra will be repaired, and masonry sluices erected at the mouths of all canals, there is but slight probability of any further disastrous flooding in years to come, which if it does occur can be dealt with as a special case.
- 5. I would therefore recommend that the zemindars on the western bank of the Narra, a great part of whose land was flooded at the time of Jummabundy, be allowed to the 31st of March next to take up their numbers, failing to do which I would enforce the Act in its integrity against them: this I would apply also to the lands mentioned in paragraphs 7 and 8 of Major Wallace's Report.
- 6. In reference to paragraph 21 of the Settlement Officer's Report, I have directed the Deputy Collector of Mehur to resume the Serce in the Dehs Guchul and Chowbar, as the numbers in which the grants are situated have been thrown up. In the latter Deh I beg

to be allowed to re-grant the same, should the zemindar take up the number prior to the 31st of March next.

- 7. I beg most strongly to recommend the grants to the three zemindars mentioned in paragraph 23 of Major Wallace's Report, as I am of opinion such an indulgence will have a most beneficial effect in future Settlement operations.
- 8. The small yearly remissions recommended in paragraphs 25, 26 and 27 I also approve of, and request your sanction thereto.
- 9. I purpose fixing, with your approval, the water rate at six annas per acre, the same as is now paid throughout the district.*
- 10. In conclusion I am glad to bring to your notice the cordial way in which Mr. Watson cooperated in the introduction of the Settlement into his district, which tended greatly to its success.

I have the honour to be,

Sir.

Your most obedient Servant,

W. A. GILLESPIE, Captain, Acting Collector of Shikarpoor.

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^{*} This para. was subsequently modified in the Commissioner's Office as below, as per Collector's letter No. 3095, dated 6th December 1867:—

[&]quot;I purpose fixing, with your approval, the water rate at (2) two annas per rupee of assessment, as now fixed for the settled dehs in the Roree Talooka."

No. 2656 of 1857.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner's Office, Hydrabad, 26th November 1867.

Forwarded to the Survey and Settlement Commissioner for Sind for the favour of his opinion.

W. H. HAVELOCK, Acting Commissioner in Sind.

No. 1036 or 1867.

Camp, Callian, 20th December 1867.

The Report shows that in 46 out of the 53 villages included under the Settlement Officer's proposals ninety-five per cent. of the assessed land was taken up at the Jummabundy. The zemindars of the other seven villages refused at first to take up any land whatever; they afterwards changed their minds, and up to the date to which the Report extends had entered into agreements for the cultivation of 61 per cent. of the assessed area of their villages.

- 2. Major Wallace has dwelt at considerable length upon the conduct of the zemindars of the villages last alluded to refusing to have anything to say to the Settlement. In cases of combined opposition of this kind the only point for consideration is whether there is any reason to doubt the fairness of the rates imposed. We have a satisfactory answer to this in the fact of the same rates being most popular in adjoining villages, and that the opposition was factious in the first instance is proved by the subsequent acceptance of the Settlement for great part of the lands of the villages concerned.
- 3. The area which has not been taken up is composed chiefly of flooded lands, not at present in a culturable state. The zemin-

dars' objections to take up such lands are not unreasonable, and

Major Wallace displayed good judgment in
conceding to them the option of not taking
them up "until they are free from water and in a culturable state."

- 4. The Collector proposes to give the zemindars till the 31st of March only to reflect whether they will take up these flooded lands, and in case of failing to do so would then extinguish their right. It appears, however, to the Survey Commissioner that it is advisable to treat a case like this with more consideration, and to allow the lands to remain free of rent charge, and with the zemindars' right reserved, until reported by a regular inspection (to be made by the district establishment) to be in a culturable state.
- 5. The questions regarding Seree grants are matters of detail affecting the general revenue administration of the district, upon which the Survey Commissioner does not feel himself called upon to express an opinion.
- 6. There seems to be no objection to the fakeer being allowed a remission of the assessment upon the small garden alluded to, provided it is kept open to the public as a resting-place for people crossing the ferry.
- 7. The Collector proposes to fix the Huccaba rate for this district at six annas per acre. But as the plan of calculating this rate upon the assessment has been generally introduced—two annas per rupee being the amount usually set apart for the purpose—the same course might be followed in this case. The Settlement Officer should therefore be requested to adopt this plan, entering the amount in the village register in the manner followed in the other Survey Departments.
- 8. In conclusion Lieutenant Colonel Francis begs to state that he considers the results of the Settlement to be very satisfactory. Great credit, in his opinion, is due to Major Wallace, not only for the manner in which he has fixed the rates, but for the judgment displayed in his treatment of the zemindars of the district.

J. FRANCIS, Lieut, Colonel, Survey and Settlement Commissioner, N.D.

No. 124 of 1867.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

From the Settlement Officer, Right Bank Districts,

To the Commissioner in Sind.

Settlement Office, Kotree, 10th December 1867.

Sir,—I have the honour to request sanction for a temporary Huccaba rate of two annas in the rupee for the Kukkur Talooka of the Shikarpoor Collectorate.

- 2. No rate was proposed by Major Wallace in his Settlement Report for this district, and no permanent rate can be fixed till other talookas watered by the same canals have been settled.
- 3. The Survey Commissioner has approved the proposed temporary rate, in his letter to me No. 972 of the 3rd instant, extract from which is appended, and the Collector has suggested two annas in the rupee as a suitable rate, in some Sindhee correspondence on the subject.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

M. R. HAIG, Major, Settlement Officer, R. B. D.

Extract of a letter from the Survey and Settlement Commissioner to the address of the Settlement Officer, Right Bank Survey, No. 972, dated 3rd December 1867.

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ultimo, No. 113, relative to the Huccaba rate to be levied in the settled villages of Kukkur Talooka, and in reply beg to intimate that I approve of your suggestion to levy a rate of two annas per rupee of assessment as a temporary measure, pending the settlement of the other talookas which derive their water supply from the same canals as the Kukkur Talooka.

(True extract)

M. R. HAIG, Major, Settlement Officer, R. B. D.

(True copy)
H. ROZARE,

Assistant Commissioner in Sind.

No. 679 of 1868.

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Commissioner's Office, Kurrachee, 2nd April 1868.

Submitted for the sanction of Government.

2. Considering the recent disasters by flood in the Kukkur District, to avert which, however, effectual measures, instituted by the late Commissioner, have since been carried out, the result of this Settlement cannot be regarded as otherwise than satisfactory. In submitting the Settlement papers for six tuppas in the Kukkur Talooka with his No. 1085 dated the 9th of May 1867, Mr. Mansfield placed on record his opinion that the Survey and Settlement should not have been introduced into this talooka until the floods had been controlled. It is satisfactory to learn, from the 3rd paragraph of the Collector's forwarding letter, that an improvement has taken place in this respect during the year 1867-68, and from paragraph 4 that the banks of the Narra would be repaired, and masonry sluices erected at the mouths of all the canals.

- 3. When the recusant zemindars of the seven villages lying on the western bank of the Narra perceive the improvement which has taken place, and which it is hoped will continue, they will, no doubt, gladly take up the numbers which they have thrown up on account of the flood. The Commissioner agrees with Colonel Francis in thinking that Major Wallace displayed good judgment in conceding to these zemindars the option of not taking up land until it is free from water and in a culturable state.
- 4. The result of the Settlement as shown in Major Wallace's 18th paragraph is—

Acres.	G.	Rs.	a.	p.
25,743	38 taken upRevenue	40,720	9	0
4,125	15 not taken upRevenue	4.153	13	0

- 5. The subjects alluded to in paragraphs 21 and 23 will be considered departmentally.
- 6. The small number (127,—1 acre 15 goontas) assessed at Rs. 2-8-0 may be continued free to the fakeer on condition that he continues to shelter passengers crossing the ferry.
- 7. The Collector will be directed to calcutate Huccaba at the rate of two annas per rupce, as recommended by the Survey Commissioner and Settlement Officer, and concurred in by the Collector in a late communication.
- 8. The one anna cess for Local Funds has been included in the Survey Settlement papers, and will be imposed under Act VIII. of 1865.
- 9. The Commissioner concurs in the commendation bestowed on Major Wallace by the Survey and Settlement Commissioner.
- 10. It is requested that fifteen copies of the correspondence may be furnished as soon as it is printed.

W. H. HAVELOCK, Commissioner in Sind. Revenue Survey and Assessment.

No. 2077.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 27th May 1868.

Memorandum from the Commissioner in Sind, No. 679, dated 2nd April 1868—Submitting for sanction a letter from the Collector of Shikarpoor, with its accompanying Report by the Settlement Officer, Right Bank Districts, relative to the result of the Settlement rates introduced into 53 villages of the Kukkur Talooka of that collectorate, together with a memorandum from the Survey and Settlement Commissioner N. D., containing his opinion regarding the above Settlement.

RESOLUTION.—The Settlement appears to have been carried on under some difficulty, owing to the recent disasters by flood in the Kikkur District.

- 2. In 46 cut of the 53 villages included under the Settlement Officer's proposals, 95 per cent. of the assessed land was taken up at the Jummabundy, and the zemindars of the remaining 7 villages have since entered into agreement for the cultivation of 61 per cent. of the assessed area of their villages. The area which has not been taken, it is reported, is chiefly composed of flooded lands not in a culturable state.
- 3. His Excellency in Council approves of the zemindars being allowed the option of not taking up the inundated land until free from water and in a culturable state.
- 4. The result of the Settlement in the 53 villages is reported to be as follows:—

Acres 25,743 g. 38 taken up; Revenue Rs. 40,720-9-0.

- 5. His Excellency the Governor in Council views this result with great satisfaction.
- 6. The area of land which the zemindars refuse at present to take up is stated to be acres 4,125 g. 15, and the revenue therefrom

- Rs. 4,153-13-0. Government concur in the opinion expressed in Colonel Francis' 4th paragraph, that this land should be allowed to remain free of rent charge, and with the zemindars' rights reserved, until reported, after a regular inspection (to be made by the district establishment), to be in a culturable state.
- 7. His Excellency in Council sanctions the small area of land measuring 1 acre and 15 goontas, and assessed at Rs. 2-8-0, being continued free to the fakeer who holds it, on condition that it is kept open to the public as a resting-place for people crossing the ferry.
- 8. The instructions which have been issued for calculating the Huccaba at the rate of two annas per rupce are approved.
- 9. His Excellency in Council concurs in the commendation bestowed on Major Wallace by Colonel Francis and the Commissioner.
- 10. The whole correspondence should be printed as a Selection from the Government Records.

M. J. SHAW STEWART.

Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

To

The Commissioner in Sind.

The Survey and Settlement Commissioner N.D.